

Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

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Lemont Township Board Meeting –May 12, 2020 – Zoom Meeting

Meeting was called to order 7:01pm by Supervisor Steve Rosendahl

Roll taken by Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Ganta Rynne: Trustees Gilbertson, Nicklas, Sanderson, Shackel present. Also present Clerk Barbara Buschman, Hwy Comm. Mark Labno, and Assessor Ken Jacobowski. Minutes of 4/14/20 Approved – Motioned by Trustee Sanderson, 2nd Trustee Gilbertson- All Ayes

Payment of the bills:

GF \$68,945.44

RB \$69,045.80

OS \$3,353.53

GA \$1300.00

Motion to approve made by Trustee Shackel, 2nd by Trustee Sanderson – All Ayes

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Rosendahl reported that he had two Zoom staff meetings last week to discuss current and future office procedures and well-being of the staff and residents. Kathy Henrikson has been looking into modifying the office for public non-contact needs. He reported that six mayors from Will, DuPage and Cook are getting together to push back upon the Governor’s lumping their villages with Chicago. Zoom meetings with the food pantries have continued and they are doing well. There are lots of good, caring people in Lemont. Park District had a food drive to assist pantry needs. The Township continues to shop and deliver meals to seniors. Supervisor Rosendahl and Deputy Clerk Ganta Rynne had a Zoom meeting with the grade school. They will continue to provide lunches to the children during the summer. We will put aside the money earmarked for this program for other Human Service efforts.

Supervisor will have a Zoom meeting or speak one on one with the Board regarding the 2020-21 Budgets.

Board Reports: Trustee Shackel has organized a blood drive to be held at Alba on 5/19/20, 1-6pm.

Trustee Gilbertson announced that he submitted his resignation to Supervisor Rosendahl in writing that after tonight’s meeting, he will step down from his position as Trustee as he is moving to Indiana. He stated that it has been a pleasure and joy and he will miss everyone. Supervisor Rosendahl thanked him

for his service to the Township as the last Tax Collector, Trustee, and for his leadership as President of the Equestrian Estates Homeowners Association. A motion to accept Trustee Gilbertson's resignation was made by Supervisor Rosendahl and 2nd by Trustee Shackel. Supervisor Rosendahl stated that Deputy Clerk Ganta Rynne will prepare a notice for our website and the Patch with the intent to fill the Trustee position for the remainder of the term. He asked our attorney Neal Smith if he could go into closed session for interviews for the Trustee position. Neal Smith said he can do a one on one interview or closed session. He stated you have to fill the position within 60 days or a special meeting of the Board would be needed.

Clerk: Clerk Barbara Buschman told everyone that she is on the mends. No other report.

Assessor: Assessor Jacobowski stated that we are scheduled for reassessment. Additionally, Lemont will be open for appeals May 27 – July 2nd. Appeals will be handled virtually and we will be assisting with filing forms as well as doing comparables. He does not have all the details down yet.

Human Service: Director Debbie Schmitt said she continues to work with the Seniors and SALT. She has been providing referrals to Plows and Salvation Army. GA cases will be coming in next week. We received donations of masks and our staff has been distributing them. We also received an offer of a large bingo board for wall mount. It will need to be picked up and she suggests that we take advantage of the offer for future use. Supervisor Rosendahl suggested that we could hold a virtual bingo. The Park District may be considering a virtual bingo.

OS/Facilities: Director Kathy Henrikson stated that Pizzo has started work and she held her first community garden Zoom meeting and it went well. The Garden Club will help get the community garden started and she would like to enlist the public help as well. It may possibly be videotaped for our Facebook page.

A bulk order from Pete's will be picked up on Weds. 5/13/20. The buildings will receive a deep cleaning once a week and employees are asked to clean their own area. Safety modifications for in-person visits to the office are in the works. She will be receiving bids and will pass them onto the Board. She asked about the Board's decision on rentals. Supervisor Rosendahl suggested that we do not have rentals for the remainder of the year. Kathy asked if the AARP tax service could meet and finish the filings, and if small groups could use the outside space at the buildings. Supervisor Rosendahl said that he would not have a problem with it. All trustees stated that they also did not have a problem with it.

Hwy Commissioner: Commissioner Mark Labno told Greg Gilbertson it has been a pleasure to work with him and appreciated all the help he gave him, especially in Equestrian Estates. He will miss his friendship. Commissioner Labno reported that the RB Budget is under the Levy and last year they used 11% of it and 5% the prior year. There is an increase in full time laborers and his intent is to eliminate some of the subcontractors. We entered into a municipal lease for a John Deere 325G Compact Loader for approx.\$60,000. We will make monthly installments over three years. He will work on the Hillcrest Subdivision paving and other paving projects. Tony Spinelli will run the numbers and he may spread the work over two fiscal years. He will utilize the MFT funds for preventative maintenance on roads.

GF Budget: Supervisor Rosendahl reported that he eliminated the Rentals and the Pace program entirely because of safety and the cost to maintain the run down buses. He is looking into renting a 10 passenger van w/a lift. In the proposed budget, he doubled the funds for LEMA and added extra funds for office modifications as well as HS programs – Seniors, Youth, Counseling, and Utility Programs

Also discussed the cost for the planned addition will not be included in this budget. The Township will hold these funds in reserve due to the current State of Emergency as contingency for Human Service needs. He asked that the Board review the tentative budgets and after a week, he will schedule and post a Zoom meeting to discuss. If you need any detailed information on the Budgets, please contact Bette.

Request to adjourn was made by Supervisor Rosendahl at 8:03 pm motion made by Trustee Gilbertson, 2nd by Trustee Sanderson. All ayes.

Elizabeth Ganta Rynee; Deputy Clerk