

Lemont Township Board Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2021

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Lemont Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the Lemont Township offices, 1115 Warner Ave., Lemont, IL. 60439 and on Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Shackel. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll was called by Clerk Buschman; Blatzer, Mollo, Nicklas, and Shackel. Sanderson was absent.

Supervisor Shackel spoke about retiring Trustees Nicklas, who served the Township about 20 years and Trustees Mollo and Sanderson who were very helpful in their terms of service. He also thanked Elizabeth Ganta Rynne, Office Manager, Deputy Clerk and Treasurer, retired on May 19 after almost 20 years of service to the Township. All were applauded and given a beautiful token of appreciation.

Clerk Barbara Buschman then started administering the Oath of Office to all newly elected and appointed members.

Michael Shackle – Township Supervisor

Mark Labno - Township Road Commissioner

Deborah Blatzer – Trustee

Dave Molitor - Trustee

Susan Nathan – Trustee] help

Jeanette Virgilio – Trustee

Glenn Pasiewicz – Deputy Clerk and Township Administrator

Joyce Black – Assessor’s Administrative Assistant administered the Oath of Office to;

Township Clerk – Barbara A. Buschman.

A round of applause and congratulations was given to all and pictures were taken.

A motion was made by Trustee Blatzer, 2nd by Trustee Virgilio, to approve the minutes of the April 2021 meeting. On roll call: Blatzer, Molitor, Nathan, Virgilio and Shackle - ayes. Motion passed.

TREASURERS Report and Payment of Bills:

General Fund: \$37,488.76

Road & Bridge: \$36,006.44

Open Space: \$581.45

General Assistance: \$ 1,070.51

Motion was made by Trustee Blatzer, 2nd by Trustee Molitor, to approve the payment of bills; On roll call: Blatzer, Molitor, Nathan, Virgilio and Shackle – ayes. Motion passed.

Matters from the Public: None

Reports: Supervisor Shackle spoke of thank you notes from Bethany food pantry and also from individuals who were helped by the Township during the Pandemic. In regards to the individuals who spoke at the last Board meeting from Homer township in regards to violations behind their homes, Cook County and many other agencies are now involved and violations have been issued to owners of the property. Shackle is moving the June meeting to June 22nd while the Board is working on the upcoming budget. He has put a little extra in the budget to allow for a consulting company to be hired to digitize the Township records and also hiring a part-time person to help in the financial area in accounting; about 6 – 8 hours a week.

Board reports: None

Highway Commissioner: Mark Labno reported no flooding or drainage problems from recent rains. Miscellaneous items: salt shed is full. North Horseshoe area will have drawings done for drainage issues. 132nd St. needs paving. MFT funds will be used for that.

Clerk: Clerk Barbara Buschman welcomed all of the new members of the Board and thanked those who were leaving the Board. A special Thank You to Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Ganta Rynne for her work during the past many years. Wishing good luck to all.

Assessor: Ken Jacobowski was welcomed back. He reported that Cook County is upgrading their system and will be telling when reassessments will be done. He thanked all for their wishes on his road to recovery. Joyce Black, the Assessor's Administrative Assistant, reported at all the Board meeting while he was absent.

Human Services: Debbie Schmitt sent an email to the Board containing her monthly report

Open Space/Facilities: Kathy Henrikson passed out her monthly report. She spoke about Earth Day and many volunteers were on hand. Also, we will be helping the Lemont Jr. Women Club in their fund raiser, Blooms & Brews on July 24. The Café at the Township Community Center is not opened yet but a Mother's Day lunch, sponsored by Leo & Aggie Cattoni will be attend 50 seniors and a Father's Day lunch. Lemont National Bank gave a grant of \$5,000.00 for Home Meals. There will be a Father's Day lunch for the seniors on June 22nd.

Unfinished Business: Supervisor Shackel reported that no action has been taken on budget proposals yet and no taxes were raised. Estimated budget is about \$1,125,000.00 about \$42,000.00 more than last year. Township under-spent last years budget by \$323,000.00. The \$2,500,000.00 is in the bank because the addition has been put on hold for now.

New Business: Mark Labno spoke on budget matter for Road & Bridge. He has not budgeted entire levy. Will be rehabbing roads, and grinding more. No new equipment and Emerald Acres is due for next work.

Contract for Pizzo for the Open Space is \$22,750.00 for Annual maintenance. Burns over the year manages invasive species. Highway Dept. helps with mowing and Volunteers also help. Motion made by Blatzer, 2nd by Virgilio to approve contract. On roll call: Blatzer, Molitor, Nathan, Virgilio and Shackel-eyes. Passed. Jeanette Daubarus asked the new board members to introduce themselves and she introduced herself to the. Supervisor Shackel reported that Beech & Dill are developing the Pulte property.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. made by Blatzer, 2nd by Molitor. On roll call: Blatzer, Molitor Nathan, Virgilio and Shackel ayes. Motion passed.

Barbara A. Buschman – Township Clerk