

Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
WILL County } ss. REGULAR MEETING
Town of New Lenox }

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk at 1100 South Cedar Road on January 14, 2016.

PRESENT:	Michael Hickey	Supervisor
	Annette Boyd	Clerk
	Martin Boban	Trustee
	Barb Kaupas	Trustee
	Larry Wennlund	Trustee
	David Medema	Trustee

The following official business was transacted:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The New Lenox Town Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order on January 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hickey.

II. ROLL CALL

Also Present: Assessor Bonnie Hernandez
Attorney Cass Wennlund

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Medema, seconded by Trustee Boban to approve the December 10, 2015 minutes of the Regular Meeting. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; Trustee Kaupas abstained; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Knox Box Assistance Program

Supervisor Hickey explained that the Fire Department was seeking funds to help purchase additional Knox Boxes for senior's houses. The boxes cost \$170.00/each, and Supervisor Hickey suggested the Township purchase approximately \$510.00 worth (3). Trustee Wennlund reiterated to the Board how these benefit the seniors preventing the need to break down a door to get in if a Senior is unresponsive, and that this is a life saving device in some cases.

Trustee Boban noted the Village may be able to contribute, also.

Supervisor Hickey noted that the Township could revisit the issue later if it was determined that the Township wished to help purchase more.

Motion by Trustee Boban, 2nded by Trustee Wennlund for the Township to pay for 3 Knox Boxes. \$510.00 for the New Lenox Fire Department for distribution to seniors. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

B. Purchase Vehicle for Assessor's Office

Supervisor Hickey noted for the Board that the Assessor's office currently has a 14 year old 2002 Honda, and has put forth a request for a new vehicle for her office. There are currently clearances on 2015 models, and they wished to take advantage of this sale. The current proposal is for a 2015 Toyota Prius "C" model for 19,819.43.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas to approve the purchase of a new 2015 Toyota Prius "C" vehicle for the Assessor's office for \$19,819.43. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

C. Electronic Recycling Program Changes

Supervisor Hickey spoke with Will County regarding the status of the vendor, Vintage Tech. The County has indicated that this vendor will no longer be participating in the recycling program and no longer servicing this program. Other vendors have proposed organizations like the Township pay to have electronic recycling deposits hauled away. In addition to the increased costs, there are other requirements of the Township such as shrink wrapping the load, certified fork lift drivers, etc. The Supervisor explained that some of these charges could reach as much as \$42,000.00 in some cases, as well as the fact the Township does not own a fork lift, nor have any certified drivers. With the Township having collected over 259,000 pounds of recycling in the past, it would become an enormous financial hardship on the Township to continue to collect electronics from all across the area, while having the Taxpayers of New Lenox Township paying for the service. The Will County Forest Preserve is no longer participating, either; however Mokena indicated they would still be participating from their Public Works facility. Supervisor Hickey said it may behoove the Township to redirect all drop-offs to Mokena. Attorney Wennlund said he would review the statute and advise the Board. Trustee Boban indicated that the program would be going from 12 sites down to 3. Supervisor Hickey recommended suspending the program as of February 1st until there was some further information about the program and its impact on the Townships.

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Wennlund to suspend the Township's Recycling Program indefinitely until further information was available. Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Hickey reported that the ceiling stains that were visible were from the snow/sleet/rain that had piled up on the roof, causing it to leak. The Architect advised that the Building didn't need a new roof, simply patching.

The new Food Pantry work is progressing, and the windows have been installed.

Supervisor Hickey also forewarned the Board that the Transportation Department would need a new vehicle in the near future. One of the vans will need to be replaced very soon.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported that the New Lenox Lions did a Christmas Family Basket program, however this year gave gift certificates for families to purchase food, and gave hats and gloves to families with children. There were 35 families and 15 seniors recipients this year.

2. Trustee Kaupas

None.

3. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund handed out a newspaper article referencing Township government and encouraged the Board to read about current trends.

4. Trustee Medema

Trustee Medema reported that the Transportation Department handled 582 rides in December.

C. CLERK

None.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

Assessor Hernandez presented her revised proposed budget for consideration.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (\$29,124.98 for the Township General Fund, \$1,383.47 for the Maplewood Cemetery Fund, \$253.00 for the Marshall Cemetery Fund, \$13,464.87 for the Senior Housing Fund, \$43,933.26 for the Road District Road and Bridge Fund, and \$20,009.00 for the Equipment and Building Fund.). No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Medema, seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Town Clerk