

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 February 11, 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 February 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hickey.

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Wennlund to approve the January 8, 2016 minutes of the Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. 2016-2017 Budget Review

Supervisor Hickey presented the proposed budget to the Board for first read and noted that the Assessor's Budget was increased by approximately \$4,000 in wages and benefits. And there will obviously be an increase in telephone, internet costs for the new Family Services/Food Pantry.

B. Purchase Vehicle for Transportation Department

Supervisor Hickey reported that there is a need for keeping money in the budget for a new handicap van for the transportation department. The bus usage has been greatly reduced because the park district purchased 2 other new vans. The state purchasing program has a ford van, and the municipal program had a dodge. However, most of the riders prefer a Prius because the vans are too high to step up into and feel it's easier to move in and out of the Prius car. Pricing is a guess, with the Prius V2 and V3 having a navigation system. The V2 is approximately \$27,735.00, which should be able to be obtained for \$3,000 less than sticker.

Motion by Trustee Medema, seconded by Trustee Boban to authorize the Supervisor to let a bid for a hybrid vehicle for the Transportation Department costing up to \$27,000.00. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

C. Electronic Recycling Program

Supervisor Hickey reported on the status of the Electronic Recycling Program. As per the discussion last month, there are rumors of numerous *electronic* recycling locations closing across the county. Will County is trying to assemble a grant program up to \$200,000.00 to pay to keep the programs in place for some locations. Trustee Medema observed that some of the sites were doing over 750,000 pounds

and with the other closures, this could push those remaining sites up to over 1 million pounds, greatly increasing the cost pressures on those sites still open. Trustee Boban reported that Will County was sending out status emails on this proposed program, and that the costs covered would only be \$25-\$30,000.00 per site. The costs to improve the Township's site could easily over run that grant level from the County, with improvements, the purchase of a forklift, and a 53' trailer. In addition, the need to shrink wrap the load, certified fork lift drivers, etc.

D. New Lenox Chamber of Commerce Expo – 3/12/2016 9AM – 1PM

Supervisor Hickey reported this year that the Township would still participate in the Expo, however, no longer promoting the electronics recycling program, and to inform people that the program is ending.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Hickey reported that the Food Pantry's first inspection looks good, and drywall, insulation and heating will be next. After the floor is poured, the walls would be completed. He is expecting the brick work to be laid next week. The Supervisor said the target was to be in the new space by June.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported that May 7th would be the Township's next annual Clean Up Day and obviously, the suspension of the Electronic Recycling Program would impact Clean Up Day. There are yellow signs from the County saying that the Township *electronic* recycling site is closed. However, on the first closed weekend, 3 televisions were dumped next to the signs. Obviously any further dumping would be reviewed on the video surveillance recordings.

2. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas noted that there wasn't a TRIAD meeting in January. However, the Food Pantry did receive another donation from Old Plank Trail Bank for \$10,000.00 from the "Pant for the Pantry" marathon. Trustee Kaupas and the Board wished to thank Old Plank Trail Bank for the fifth year in a row making such a generous donation, now totaling \$50,000.00 from Old Plank Trail Bank.

Supervisor Hickey pointed out that the bill statement reflected the new roofing materials for the new Food Pantry, however the materials weren't installed yet.

3. Trustee Wennlund

None.

4. Trustee Medema

There were 571 rides in January. Gas expenditures were over \$1,000, but now with the Prius vehicles, the gas expenditures are \$263.00.

C. CLERK

None.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

None.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Medema, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (\$7,570.06 for the Township General Fund, \$618.50 for the Maplewood Cemetery Fund, \$4,508.88 for the Senior Housing Fund, \$58,728.62 for the Road District Road and Bridge 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 7:35p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Town Clerk