

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 March 12, 2009.

PRESENT:	William McCollum	Supervisor
	Annette Boyd	Clerk
	Michael Hickey	Trustee
	Martin Boban	Trustee
	Barbara Kaupas	Trustee
	Larry Wennlund	Trustee

The following official business was transacted:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The New Lenox Town Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order March 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McCollum.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Dennis McPartlin, Highway Commissioner
Marlene Batson, Executive Assistant
Kathy Johnson

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Boban noted that the Minutes reflect he spoke about a comparable clean up day plan in Manhattan, but said, if he said Manhattan, he meant to say Lockport and requested the minutes be amended to reflect this change. Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2009 Regular Meeting as amended. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS

Supervisor McCollum noted the presence of Lions Club President John Lucas and requested that President Lucas defer comments after the Board had dealt with the upcoming resolution on the agenda.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Resolution 2009-03 Recognizing New Lenox Lions Club, Senior Housing Kitchen Project

Supervisor McCollum read resolution 2009-03, Recognizing the New Lenox Lions Club for Building the Kitchen Facility at the Guy A. Sell Senior Housing Center into the minutes.

Supervisor McCollum then noted that there were words on the back of the resolution to be displayed and visible for the public. Trustee Wennlund read the reverse of the resolution into the minutes.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, to adopt resolution 2009-03 Recognizing the Lions, seconded by Trustee Hickey, all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

President John Lucas thanked the board for the kind words. President Lucas also informed the board that the Lions were looking forward to our next project, even though one hasn't been chosen yet.

Supervisor McCollum informed the President and the Board that the ribbon cutting was a tremendous success.

President Lucas also reported that the Lions were going to have a "Community Night" event,

planned for Friday, March 20 at 6:30 to 10:30 at the Lions Community Center, and planned on having one each month for the next 3 months.

B. Annual Clean Up Day Service Contract

Trustee Boban reported that meeting with the representative of another vendor, there would have been difficulties in separating unincorporated with incorporated areas, which would have required detailed and accurate maps, and this vendor would only be able to handle unincorporated areas. With the Township's current vendor, these factors were never a point of contention. The other vendor felt the Township was suitably serviced with the current vendor, NuWay, to handle this event.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund to approve the NuWay Proposal, seconded by Trustee Boban: Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Supervisor McCollum, all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

C. New Lenox Library, World War II Mobile Museum Request

Supervisor McCollum presented the letter from The New Lenox Library requesting a contribution from the Township toward the cost of \$540.00 for the visit of this Mobile Museum.

The exhibit was to be opened on March 14, from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Trustee Wennlund voiced concern about the hours the library was open, in particular that the Library is not open on Sundays and this exhibit is planned for a Sunday.

Trustee Hickey voiced support for a contribution because it was financial support for the Mobile Museum, separate and aside from issues about the hosting entity.

Motion by Trustee Hickey, to approve a \$100.00 contribution to the New Lenox Library to help defray costs for the Mobile Museum, seconded by Trustee Boban; no further discussion: Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Supervisor McCollum in favor, Trustee Wennlund opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget Preparation (Final Review)

Supervisor McCollum reported that he and Trustee Hickey had spoken about the reserve requirements for debt service classification.

Supervisor McCollum also reported that Jackie had served 2 weeks notice and had left the Township employ and that the Township was currently accepting applications.

Trustee Hickey concurred with Clerk Boyd's suggestion that Clerk Boyd could help in taking over posting minutes to the web site to help make up for the loss of a staff member.

Supervisor McCollum reported to the board that Township Assessor Hernandez was apprised of the changes in her offices budget and agreed with the changes.

2. Generator Project

Supervisor McCollum reported that project is still on schedule. The process of updating the gas meters is also progressing smoothly, making the building more capable for emergency services.

3. Senior Housing campus Master Plan

Reutiger and Tonelli will be reporting on whether the existing retention pond is capable of taking on additional water. There will also be a review looking at the water and sewer services and additional parking spaces. Supervisor McCollum

hopes that plans are be available for the next meeting.

4. Chamber of Commerce Business Expo March 21st

Supervisor McCollum reported that from 8:00am to 9:00am is scheduled for networking and from 9:00am to 2:00pm is open to the public. Both the earth machines and the rain barrels will be available for the expo.

Supervisor McCollum informed the board that the Township has never participated in the TOI (Township Officials of Illinois) topic day. Topic day will be April 21st and present a chance to meet with our legislators. Supervisor McCollum requested anyone interested in attending, please notify him.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

Paratransit – Trustee Hickey reported that the Paratransit program had 697 rides in January, as opposed to 651 in January of last year and 681 rides in February this year as opposed to 612 rides in February of 2008. The program is seeing consistent growth in ridership.

Marshall Cemetery – Trustee Hickey also reported that two more graves were sold as well as an Eagle Scout project is being planned.

2. Trustee Boban.

Generator Project – Trustee Boban had researched into obtaining private funding from Excelon for the generator, however, to qualify, the Township needs to be within so many miles of a site, within an E.P.Z (Emergency Planning Zone) for Excelon, and the Township falls outside this “EPZ” zone, however, Trustee Boban would continue to investigate whether the Township can still obtain funding.

Lincoln Way Assisted Vocational Work Program – Trustee Boban reported that the program is going well and suggested as the kitchen becomes used on a more consistent basis, the Township could seek to expand the program.

3. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that TRIAD will be having a Weather Spotting class on March 17th, from 10:00 to 12:00 where they will teach people how to spot bad weather.

Trustee Kaupas spoke about TRIAD's planning to have several drop off boxes in secure areas, such as police stations.

Kathy Johnson offered that March 25th, the Frankfort TRIAD meeting is having a 911 presentation.

Trustee Kaupas pointed out the SBT (Suburban Bank and Trust) fundraiser on March 17th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm at the bank where a percentage of the proceeds from the Ditka Wine sales would go to the New Lenox Food Pantry.

4. Trustee Wennlund

Newsletter - Trustee Wennlund announced the final proof of the Newsletter arrived today. The Meals on Wheels program would be discussed on the front page. Trustee Wennlund also ordered extra copies of the printing for the office. The newsletter should be in the mail very rapidly and is targeted for deliveries on Monday.

E-Scrap – Trustee Wennlund reported the permits listing what was being dropped off with self carbon thank you cards which thanking individuals for recycling. There had already been drop offs of 249 items. The Township has already filled one container.

Trustee Wennlund attended a meeting in Springfield with the EPA regarding a grant.

Trustee Wennlund would like to see the Township apply for a \$300,000 grant. Trustee Wennlund hopes to see by the end of the year, a full recycling center to handle aluminum, glass, plastic, etc.

Trustee Hickey inquired if the program could be staffed by individuals filling Community Service hours, Supervisor McCollum answered in the affirmative.

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd reported that the Annual Town Meeting would be held on April 14th, 2009, at 6:30 in the New Lenox Township Meeting room.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Highway Commissioner McPartlin reported that the floor in the new building has been poured, and that they are finishing the high electricity work and the water heat in the floor.

Supervisor McCollum complimented Highway Commissioner McPartlin on how efficient and orderly the Highway Commissioner was tearing down the other building.

Supervisor McCollum inquired about the icing problem across from the Little Joe's Restaurant. Highway Commissioner McPartlin noted this is a State problem because the manhole sank, and the State doesn't have the resources nor the man power to handle the problem, and so the state may be looking to the Village to handle the problem.

Highway Commissioner McPartlin has also had conversations with the Village about their various planning of road improvements.

Supervisor McCollum inquired into whether Highway Commissioner McPartlin had given a response to a complaint by Ms. Christine Hunt.

Trustee Wennlund noted there had been a correspondence that pointed out to Ms. Hunt that the information given to her by another official was erroneous. The property she was discussing was a private driveway and there is no legal obligation for the Township Highway Department to maintain a private driveway.

C. ASSESSOR

None.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (\$33,709.21 for the Township General Fund, \$1,693.39 for the General Assistance Home Relief Fund, \$151,050.81 for the Road District General Fund, 30,000.00 for the Equipment and Building Fund and 45,000.00 for the Construction and Repair Fund). No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board was reminded that everyone should take a look at the updated brochures. Kathy Johnson had them finished in time for the Business expo.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd

Township Clerk

APPROVED