

# 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 May 14, 2009.

PRESENT:	William McCollum	Supervisor
	Annette Boyd	Clerk
	Mike 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 on May 14, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McCollum.

## II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Dennis McPartlin, Highway Commissioner  
Bonnie Hernandez, Township Assessor  
Marlene Batson, Executive Assistant  
Attorney Wennlund

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Hickey noted the minutes left the impression that the decision on who would be handling the audit had already been made. He requested the minutes reflect that the Township had only received the proposal to be considered and had not made a decision at that time. Trustee Boban noted the minutes reflected the Township bus was going to be made available for transportation at Proud America days, but the bus will only be used to collect food pantry donations. Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to approve the minutes as amended/corrected of the April 9, 2009, Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

## IV. SPECIAL GUESTS/ PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Batson – Requested the opportunity to speak to the board to request the possibility of a sidewalk on the east side of the road between Lenox Road and Francis Road (North). He said his concerns stemmed from children walking back and forth to Frosties.

Highway Commissioner McPartlin informed Mr. Batson that Cedar road is a state controlled road out of Village and Township jurisdiction and that requests would need to be taken up with the state of Illinois.

Trustee Wennlund suggested that the Village and the County make a joint request to IDOT for that improvement.

Attorney Wennlund noted that neither the Village or the Township can work on those roads.

Mr. Frank Palmisano – 1113 Ogden Avenue – noted a similar concern south of Illinois Highway past the new High School. He inquired about plans for a sidewalk. Mr. Palmisano also inquired into timing for pot hole repair work with the increased traffic and heavy vehicles on Illinois to Gougar, and Gougar to 30.

Highway Commissioner McPartlin noted only a portion of that road is under his jurisdiction, but the work for that portion that is the Township's is scheduled in June, and Highway

Commissioner McPartlin was uncertain when the County was scheduled to complete their portion of the work.

Mr. Palmisano also suggested posting the agendas on line along with a link on the front page to the minutes page for ease of use.

Ms. Susan Thedens – 146 Williams Street – Ms. Thedens requested a 4 way stop sign at 4<sup>th</sup> and Williams street given that the new Walmart and Menards will be arriving shortly. She also noted there is already intense traffic generated by the teachers at Martino School.

Highway Commissioner McPartlin explained that the Township does not meet the State's criteria at this time. Attorney Wennlund concurred and explained the Township would not meet the State's warrants so the Township's request would be turned down.

Trustee Hickey inquired if there were 2 houses at the corners that were in the Village, the request could then go to the Village, and the Village could place a stop sign. Ms. Thedens answered no, none of the houses were annexed into the Village.

Ms. Thedens was advised that if a couple of properties were annexed into the Village, she could then discuss these needs with the Village.

Ms. Thedens requested a "Slow Children Playing" sign and Highway Commissioner McPartlin affirmed that this is a sign that the Township could place for her.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. FY 2008-2009 Audit Services Contract

Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to accept the proposal from Bruns and Bruns for \$7,700 for the Township's annual audit. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

B. Will County Historic Landmark Designation for Marshall Cemetery

Diane Batson spoke to the Board about the Will County Historical Society and the prior successes of the organization, specifically regarding Schmuhl School. She noted another benefit of having this type of designation is the ability to apply for grants for repairs. Ms. Batson feels it is important to consider this designation and emphasized that the Township would not be giving up any of their authority over the landmark.

Attorney Wennlund noted that previously when the Township considered landmark status, the status applied to structures and the requirement that the Township obtain approval from another government entity was required prior to making changes on the property. Attorney Wennlund suggested that the Township have the opportunity to read the ordinance prior to the board applying for landmark status.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to table the action until the June meeting. No further discussion, all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Generator Project.

Supervisor McCollum reported that the project is on schedule and hopes to see a start up next month.

2. Senior Housing Campus Master Plan

Supervisor McCollum reported the Township received the Environmental report, recommending Phase II, the cost to be \$5,675.00. Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Hickey to accept the recommendation to move to Phase II; . No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas Trustee

Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

3. Bank Depositories and Liquid Assets Fund

Supervisor McCollum reported that he would be seeking proposals from various banks whom the Township can make their bi monthly and payroll deposits and hopes to have these proposals by the June meeting. Matt Bruns has also offered the Township assistance in this endeavor.

4. Board Committee Review and Reorganization

Supervisor McCollum noted at the next meeting, the board would be reorganizing our committee assignments. The feedback to the Township has been positive. Supervisor McCollum advised that with the expansion plans for a full service recycling program, there will be increased staff involvement.

Supervisor McCollum also pointed out what a stellar job Kathy Johnson has done at handling the public relations and communications for the Township.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

Trustee Hickey reported Marshall Cemetery looks well, and the bench, which was out of compliance, has been removed and the temporary markers for some graves will also be removed in the near future. He also noted the need to limit the time frame for temporary markers to 6 months. Trustee Hickey also noted the need for a flag pole and Highway Commissioner offered to donate a pole to Marshall Cemetery.

2. Trustee Boban noted that he has received positive feedback about the Newsletter.

Trustee Boban also reported that he has been offered winter storage for rain barrels and earth machines in the bus barn.

Annual clean up day had a 16% increase, with a sizeable increase inside the Village, most likely due to the additional surcharge for bundles at the curb, so residents availed themselves of the Township cleanup day.

Trustee Boban also mentioned that the American Legion was selling "commemorative bricks" for a memorial walkway for the price of \$50.00 for an engraved brick who would like to participate. June 14<sup>th</sup> is flag day and residents are encouraged to bring their tattered or damaged flags to the American Legion and the organization will give the flag the appropriate ceremony.

Another World War II veteran, a nurse, has faxed her information and will be added to the veterans' page very shortly.

Trustee Boban noted that issues with receiving forwarded emails should be cleared up now.

Trustee Boban while acknowledging the subject was outside the scope and authority of the board noted the ongoing problem with damaged landscape near Southpoint.

3. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that the "File of Life" cards were now available.

Trustee Kaupas informed the board it was a possibility that Kathy Johnson could give a presentation on Zumbbox, the paperless mail application, for the June board meeting.

Trustee Kaupas also informed the board that the Post Office food drive had generated 8,000 pounds of food to be divided up between numerous entities as well as the Township's food pantry. She also wished to thank the Brownies for their donation of macaroni and cheese.

4. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund suggested that the Township consider making the newsletter a quarterly publication. Trustee Hickey noted that there would be a considerable increase in the cost for a quarterly publication. Trustee Wennlund noted it was a suggestion he thought the Township should consider.

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd reminded the board that the Fair Wage Ordinance was to be adopted in June.

Clerk Boyd noted that given the length of the meeting at that point, administered the Oath of Office to all office holders, except Jeanne Meeks who was not in attendance.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

Assessor Hernandez reported that the tax bills were mailed out. Assessor Hernandez also reported that the increases that would be expected would be between 1 to 1.5% at the very most, but that she was hoping for 0.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Boban, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (\$106,210.85 for the Township General Fund, \$1,572.51 for General Assistance Home Relief, \$116,930.22 for the Road District General Fund, \$18,166.19 for the Equipment and Bridge Fund). No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd  
Township Clerk