

# 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 July 9, 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 July 9, 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

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban, to approve the minutes as of the June 11, 2009, Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

## IV. SPECIAL GUESTS/ PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Johnson – Ms. Johnson spoke on behalf of Ms. Kline and read a statement announcing Suburban Bank and Trust and the Joliet Jackammers would be sponsoring the 8<sup>th</sup> annual New Lenox Community night. It will be held at Silver cross Field on Sunday, August 30, at 5:05pm. The benefactors this year will be the New Lenox Safe Communities America initiative. For each \$10.00 box seat ticket sold, \$3.00 would go back to the New Lenox Safe Communities. Tickets are available at the Suburban Bank and Trust at 400 E. Lincoln Highway. There are also activities for children.

Division Chief D. Martin of the New Lenox Police Department spoke on behalf of the New Lenox Safe Communities. Safe Communities America is a program of the National Safety Council, headquartered in Itasca. New Lenox wants to be the next community to earn the distinction of being the “safest community.” The Commission exists to identify safety related issues, consolidating injury data from various entities such as the Police and Fire Departments, and Schools, along with identifying locations of injury, i.e. home, work, school, etc. The organization is also working to develop the “Medication Take Back” program for unused prescriptions. The organization seeks to identify existing programs and create new programs for the community.

Mr. Frank Palmisano – 1113 Ogden Avenue - extended his thanks to the Highway Commissioner for handling the problem with an overgrown property issue.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Will County Historic Landmark Designation for Marshall Cemetery

Trustee Hickey explained for the board, that the original part of Marshall Cemetery was platted in 1866, and is commonly referred to as Tract 1, and Tract 2, the new portion was platted in 1917. Trustee Hickey also explained to the board that the entire cemetery, is actually 2 separate PIN numbers, separate parcels. Trustee Hickey recommended to the board that Tract 1, the old section of the Cemetery be submitted for Historic Landmark designation.

Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Supervisor McCollum to submit Tract 1, of Marshall Cemetery for Historic Landmark designation, discussion followed.

Trustee Wennlund noted his objection and opposition that the Township would forfeit any authority to any parklands and facilities to other governmental entities.

Attorney Wennlund explained the process required for proposed changes once the property is designated as such, the Township is bound by the County Board and State Statues as set forth.

Trustee Hickey, Supervisor McCollum in favor; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund opposed, motion failed.

B. Annual Senior Housing Rent Review

Supervisor McCollum proposed the board consider rental increases for a single bedroom unit to be increased to \$681.00 and a 2 bedroom unit to be increased to \$800.00 per unit, a 3% increase in the rentals. Supervisor McCollum noted the utility rates were a problem resulting in the suggested 3% increase.

Trustee Wennlund noted that new projects may require minimum rental incomes for both facilities and cautioned that the Township keep the financing alternatives open. Also noted were the financial realities of the current market and that future revenues may needed to be pledged.

Attorney Wennlund advised 3% increases were projected on the current senior building.

Trustee Boban noted the lack of other financial vehicles and cautioned against leveraging the current building revenues.

Trustee Hickey suggested that the board opt for a 2% increase due to the economic atmosphere noting the strident conditions would be amplified for those on fixed incomes.

Supervisor McCollum concurred that this year would be the year to give deference to costs.

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Wennlund to a 3% increase in the rental units in the Senior Housing building; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Supervisor McCollum in favor, Trustee Hickey opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Master Land Use Plan

Supervisor McCollum provided a packet from Stromsland and DeYoung for the board to review.

Trustee Wennlund suggested the board table the review for a work session or a special meeting noting that there were numerous unanswered questions.

Trustee Hickey emphasized the board's need for clarification that the board would be moving on immediate goals, mainly keeping the existing garages and moving forward on the parking issue.

Trustee Wennlund concurred and suggested that the fence be taken down now to facilitate the increase in parking by 36 spaces.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to table the discussion for a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, August 6, at 6:00pm to review the latest plans submitted; all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

2. Senior Housing Generator Project

Supervisor McCollum reported generator was on line, and the tests revealed the generator far exceeded the demand and will be tested every Monday, at 12:00pm. Supervisor McCollum noted the success of the project and thanked Trustee Boban for all his help and support throughout the project.

Supervisor McCollum noted for the board as a matter of information, the Township will be notifying residents as well as family members of current and future residents of the Senior Housing facility that the facility is not an assisted living facility, and does not have the capability of caring for a resident with a degenerating condition, once that resident has passed the ambulatory stage. The board discussed and agreed that the Township will counsel with the Department of Aging to seek all necessary guidance.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

Trustee Hickey thanked Highway Commissioner McPartlin for the donation of the flag pole to the cemetery. He also thanked the Highway Commissioner for the solar light for lighting the flag at night.

Trustee Wennlund concurred and said the light was working very well because it was visible during his commute.

Trustee Hickey suggested a plaque for the cemetery thanking Highway Commissioner's family for the flag pole.

Trustee Hickey reported that the footing for the planned pier has been dug and the concrete would be poured tomorrow as well as the plan for the landscaping and driveways to be handled by the Eagle Scouts.

2. Trustee Boban presented the draft for the American Legion memorial bricks. Trustee Boban also reported the adding of Paul Chen, as Illinois Veteran of the Month and had received additional emails to add people to the Township's Veterans' page.

Trustee Boban noted he was still receiving questions regarding the William's street stop sign request.

Attorney Wennlund noted the individuals were advised they could annex into the Village as the Village has authority that the Highway Commissioner does not have.

Trustee Boban reported that the Proud American food drive would be open from 9:00am to 9:00pm on Saturday and from 9:00am to 3:00pm on Sunday, and that there would be water given away as a promotional item.

Trustee Boban requested that the Township consider expanding the Assisted Vocational Program to an additional day per week if the Community Kitchen use were to expand.

3. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas noted that TRIAD was in the process of identifying ways to get more Seniors aware of and participating in the "Meals on Wheels" program. Representative Tom Cross is promoting legislation for a "Silver Alert" for seniors similar to the "Amber Alert" for missing children. There won't be a TRIAD meeting next month.

4. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund reported that the recycling program was now expanding and growing, becoming more and more popular within the community. He reported that Saturdays are becoming exceptionally busy.

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd reported that there was now the capability of updating the agendas and the minutes for the Clerk's page.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Highway Commissioner McPartlin reported that several MFT and contracts were now done and the striping was completed. Over 7 and one half miles of blacktop has been laid this year versus 3 miles last year. The Highway Department has fixed roads that were assumed the Village would have been responsible for. He reported the price of asphalt would be rising on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The move to the new Highway Department office is going well and it was assumed that the staff would be in residence the following day.

E. ASSESSOR

Assessor Hernandez reported rough numbers for the Township. There were 5 new occupancies. Her office was now working on the additions and doing property visits now to review the additions to homes. Assessor Hernandez anticipates a 1.00 and anticipates no change to residential properties; a resident's 2008 assessed value will be the resident's 2009 assessed value.

Assessor Hernandez inquired about the frequency of Township insurance coverage changing and the disruption to the employees.

Trustee Hickey noted the Township has to keep seeking lower prices due to a provider accelerating the increase in costs, as much as 29% in one year.

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 (\$39,934.24 for the Township General Fund, \$3,977.91 for General Assistance Home Relief, \$436,639.18 for the Road District General 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Semi Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes and Pending Litigation

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to move to executive session to review minutes and pending litigation at 8:36 p.m. No Further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:47 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Boban, Seconded by Trustee Wennlund to release the minutes of Executive session held on January 8, 2009. No further discussion on the motion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd  
Township Clerk

APPROVED