

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 August 13, 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 August 13, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McCollum.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Marlene Batson, Executive Assistant
Attorney Wennlund

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Boban noted that the name of Ms. Kline was misspelled in the minutes. Motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2009, Regular Meeting, with the typo fixed. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS/ PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pastor Doug Hoeg, Sharefest 2009 – Pastor Hoeg discussed the history of Sharefest and that New Lenox now has a committee called “Intersect for Christ” which engages in various tasks for those needing help. Everything from picking seeds, making minor home repairs, etc. The web site of the committee is www.sharefestnewlenox.com where anyone needing help or wishing to volunteer may sign up.

Pastor Hoeg was requesting support from the Township specifically for the Sharefest recycling program. Sharefest would like to use the Township offices as the center for the recycling activities.

Trustee Boban noted that the waste program at Spencer Trail last year was successful and the Township would need to work out the logistics for a similar program here at the Township.

Trustee Wennlund reported the Will County Solid Waste department didn't have anything for New Lenox Township scheduled. Trustee Wennlund endorsed the idea if Sharefest had a private vendor that the Township could coordinate with.

Trustee Hickey also endorsed the idea for the Township to host the site for Sharefest.

Trustee Boban requested the details about the vendor's services so it could be promoted at the September 12 and 13th Sharefest Event.

Ross Jansma – 13337 Timothy Lane, Mokena – Mr. Jansma spoke to the board regarding a problem with a hole in a culvert pipe spanning his drive way. Mr. Jansma noted a child had tripped in the hole during last Halloween's trick o treat activities and requested help in resolving the issue of getting his culvert replaced. Mr. Jasma understands and recognizes

that the culverts were the responsibility of the Road District, and that the Township board didn't have any authority to make the repairs. It was concluded that the Township Clerk would draft a letter to the Highway Commissioner noting the discussion with Mr. Jansma.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Proclamation recognizing Lincoln-Way High School Foundation's 15th Anniversary

Supervisor McCollum read the proclamation into the record.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hickey to adopt the proclamation, no further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Sharefest 2009 Environmental Program

Supervisor McCollum noted that the consensus of the board was to support Sharefest and host the program at the Township.

The Township would be selling earth machines and rain barrels at Sharefest on September 12th and 13th.

Trustee Wennlund said the prescription waste program is going well.

Trustee Boban voiced the opinion that the gate to the East should be utilized for the expanded environmental programs. Trustee Wennlund concurred.

2. Employee Health Benefit Package

Supervisor McCollum reported that the Health Package needed to be finalized by October 15th. The package had a 23% decrease in the costs from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hickey to approve the Health Benefits package as presented, no further discussion: Trustee Hickey, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Supervisor McCollum in favor; Trustee Boban abstained; none opposed; motion carried.

3. Master Land Use Plan

In moving forward with discussions and plans for expanding office space in the master use plan, discussions were held with the Assessor concerning office space needs with the understanding that the Assessors space needs will continue to grow.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

Trustee Hickey reported that the brick monument was completed. The gravel driveway was completely by the Eagle Scouts. Trustee Wennlund noted there were numerous Scouts working on the project and complimented the organization for their fine work.

Trustee Hickey reported he planned the next Eagle Scout project would be to have gravel placed around the flag and the monument, and hopes to begin that project soon.

2. Trustee Boban reported that Mike Langley, is willing to discuss a small cover charge for the beer tent next year at Proud American Days to benefit the food pantry with the added detail if someone brings a food donation, their admission would be free.

Trustee Boban requested that the Township consider expanding the Assisted Vocational Program for an additional 2 hours per day as the recycling program expanded.

Trustee Wennlund vociferously agreed that this would be a tremendous opportunity to expand the Vocational Program with the recycling program.

Trustee Boban reported that the bricks have been laid at the American Legion in the Memorial Walkway. Trustee Boban also reported that an additional 6 to 8 names have been added to the Township's Veterans' page since June.

3. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas noted that TRIAD had a booth at Proud American Days, but was unaware that the booth space would cost 130.00.

It was the Board's opinion that the Township could pay for the booth for TRIAD this year.

Trustee Kaupas gave a report from Kathleen Johnson.

The Jewel on Laraway has agreed to develop a schedule to donate perishable and nonperishable food to the New Lenox Township Food Pantry in accordance with the store policies.

The Jewel-Osco on Nelson versus the Jewel-Osco on Laraway Road will be vying against each other in a softball game on Field #1 west of Tyler School on Tuesday, August 18th at 6:00pm. They will be raising money and food for the New Lenox Township Food Pantry.

The New Lenox Park District would also be donating proceeds to the New Lenox Food Pantry from the park bench raffle held at Proud American days

There is also a "Guns 'n Hoses" charity softball game on September 11th, at 7:00pm behind the Tyler-Bentley school where people are asked to bring a nonperishable item. There are post game celebrations at Tom Kelly's Chophouse and Pub. \$25.00 per ticket, and \$5.00 of each ticket would go to benefit the New Lenox Township Food Pantry.

Harris Bank employees who volunteered their time to work at the Proud American Days are donating the money they earned to the New Lenox Township Food Pantry.

Sharefest is also holding a food drive the weekend of September 14th and the New Lenox Township Food Pantry will be receiving one third of all food collected.

CROP Walk will be Sunday, September 27th in Frankfort. They will be donating 12% of the monies raised to the New Lenox Township Food Pantry. In 2008, the CROP walk raised over \$2,000.00 for the Food Pantry.

Trustee Kaupas noted that the Food Pantry had 167 visits last month.

Trustee Hickey suggested adjusting the hours of the Food Pantry for a more efficient use of the staff's time.

Trustee Kaupas noted that the staff is very conscientious and makes sure that visitors leave with very balanced meals and nutritious combinations.

4. Trustee Wennlund

Recycling Program - Trustee Wennlund noted that the recycling program's priority was space needs. And then, the vocational program could be expanded to cover the expanding recycling program.

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 Hickey, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (\$228,306.45 for the Township General Fund, \$340.00 for General Assistance Administration, \$848,355.48 for the Road District General Fund) and an additional 130.00 for the TRIAD exhibitor's table. 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 Hickey, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Township Clerk