

Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
WILL County
Town of New Lenox



ss. REGULAR MEETING

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk at 1100 South Cedar Road on October 8, 2009.

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| PRESENT: | William McCollum | Supervisor |
| | Annette Boyd | Clerk |
| | Mike Hickey | Trustee |
| | Martin Boban | 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 October 8, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McCollum.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:
Highway Commissioner McPartlin
Township Assessor Hernandez
Marlene Batson, Executive Assistant

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to approve the minutes of the September 10th, 2009 Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS/ PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

None.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Master Lane Use Plan, General Offices and Senior Housing Parking Expansion
Supervisor McCollum presented a proposal for the Township office renovation along with a \$24,000 fee proposed by Stromland and DeYoung.
Trustee Wennlund inquired into whether costs and estimates from local contractors were going to be gathered for consideration by the Board.
Trustee Hickey noted that part of the \$24,000.00 fee would encompass the responsibilities in dealing with the plumbing and electrical **code** requirements.
Highway Commissioner McPartlin noted that by moving the new bathrooms and adding on to the south – the Township could realize an increase in the overall square footage. Highway Commissioner McPartlin noted that his entire project had an expenditure of \$36,000.00 for Architectural fees.
Trustee Boban inquired whether the Township could come up with drawings for a renovation for less than \$24,000.00. Trustee Wennlund concurred.

Supervisor McCollum reported that the amount of \$5,600.00 from New Lenox Paving was because the original quote didn't include the unpaved area of the parking lot.

Supervisor McCollum also discussed the possibility on whether the Township would be planning to move forward with the Comprehensive Master Plan.

Trustee Wennlund offered the opinion that the Township did not have enough information at this time to determine whether the project could move forward or not. Trustee Wennlund suggested that the Township invite a group of municipal finance professionals to come in and discuss the funding possibilities available to the Township. Trustee Wennlund pointed out that until the Township had a clear understanding of the obligations, costs, and funding requirements, a final determination on the progress and direction of the project could not be made.

Trustee Boban noted that the Township had already reviewed enough drawings and believes that the Township is close enough to making a decision on which building layout would be most prudent.

Trustee Hickey noted that the Township should start to earmark funds for capital improvements. Trustee Hickey agreed that the ultimate question would be could the Township afford a project of this magnitude, and how would the Township pay for it.

Supervisor McCollum advised that he would attempt to arrange for finance consultants to speak with the board at the next meeting.

2. Sharefest 2009 Environmental Program at Township Offices

Supervisor McCollum reported that the Sharefest activities held at the offices on September 12th ran smoothly. The Township also gained an idea of how a traditional full recycling program would operate.

Supervisor McCollum reported that the E-Waste program was generating a full container every 10 days.

Supervisor McCollum also reported that the vocational program is working smoothly and believes it could be expanded in the future.

Trustee Boban noted that at some recycling centers, individuals are charged per container.

Trustee Wennlund noted that the Township wouldn't incur those costs. The Township, with the assistance of the vocational help to load and unload, could drive the containers to the Will County facility, thereby omitting the costs incurred because the Township could provide the storage of the latex paint medium until the transfer was made.

Supervisor McCollum reported that individuals who arrived at the Sharefest function opted not to participate once they were informed there was a fee involved.

Supervisor McCollum also gave copies of a draft levy computation. The Board will have a second review at the next meeting.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

Trustee Hickey reported that they were preparations for winterizing the cemetery.

Supervisor McCollum said he had received numerous calls complimenting the cemetery.

Trustee Boban reported he drove past the cemetery and complimented Trustee Hickey on the appearance at night. Trustee Boban said the Cemetery is truly an

asset to the Township.

2. Trustee Boban reported that there weren't many applications for Mosquito abatement program.

Highway Commissioner McPartlin inquired if anyone had spoken to the members about the problem with the mosquito equipment burning oil. Highway Commissioner McPartlin noted a replacement is going to be expensive. Supervisor McCollum noted there was also difficulty in obtaining parts for the current equipment.

3. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas was absent. Debbie Cunningham from the ParaTransit department addressed the board regarding policy adjustments for the ParaTransit division.

Supervisor McCollum advised a working draft would be available at the next meeting.

4. Trustee Wennlund

None.

C. CLERK

None.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Highway Commissioner McPartlin report the Williams Street storm sewer project was nearing completion.

E. ASSESSOR

Township Assessor reported preliminary numbers for the Township EAV. There are also Assessment Revisions which haven't rolled over yet. The Township Assessor noted that under Rhonda Novak, the Supervisor of Assessments Office at the County has been encouraging people to meet with the Township Assessor's prior to filing appeals. No rollover numbers were available at this time.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Boban, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (\$31,314.15 for the Township General Fund, \$2,495.45 for General Assistance Home Relief, \$43,663.90 for the Road District General Fund). No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Township Clerk