

Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
WILL County
Town of New Lenox

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ss. REGULAR MEETING

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk at 1100 South Cedar Road on April 14, 2011.

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 on April 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McCollum.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Bonnie Hernandez, Township Assessor
Marlene Batson, Executive Assistant
Attorney Cass Wennlund

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2011, Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion made by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to suspend the Regular Meeting at 7:01pm to conduct the Town Budget and Appropriation Hearing and the Road District Budget Hearing. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Supervisor McCollum resumed the Regular Meeting at 7:04pm.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Township Transfer of Appropriation Resolution #2011-01,

Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Boban, to approve the Township Transfer of Appropriation Resolution #2011-01 as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

B. Town Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2011-02

Supervisor McCollum noted that considerable time and energy was expended to discuss and review the budget which sets the direction for the Township for the next year. Supervisor McCollum noted that the Township wanted to hold the line on the levy showing leadership up to and including leaving dollars on the table. The Board committed to do more with less. The Supervisor also agreed with the aggressive plan to pay down the debt on the Senior Housing building in order to have it paid off at the end of this term. Supervisor McCollum wished to make it clear that he agreed with every aspect of this budget except taking dollars out of the cemetery, *and the Supervisor is fundamentally opposed to increasing the Assessor's budget.* General help, assistance, church and the community provides labor and work. The cemetery is something the Township has a lot of pride in. Supervisor McCollum voiced the opinion that

if the cemetery needs funds, the Township will not know where to take it from. Supervisor McCollum also voiced the opinion that he would rather see the funds transferred to Environmental for a Household Hazardous Waste event.

Trustee Hickey noted that if there is growth next year, the Township should consider capturing some of the growth to cover insurance and raises. Trustee Hickey also noted that gasoline prices for Paratransit Service is going to pose a large problem. The Township forwent an increase in the levy to be considerate to the Township voters. The Township provides services and the Township makes sure that it does as much as it can.

Motion made by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to adopt the Town Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2011-02 for the fiscal year April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund in favor, Supervisor McCollum opposed; motion carried.

C. Proclamation declaring May 2011 as Older Americans Month

Trustee Wennlund introduced a proclamation recognizing Seniors' contribution to our culture and knowledge and the wish from our community for them to age in place with the help of the Township Senior Housing facility. The Township also wishes to encourage the veterans to stay in our community. In addition, Trustee Wennlund wished to acknowledge the resources that seniors provide as parents and grandparents that make this town a good place to live.

Trustee Wennlund then read the Proclamation into the record.

Trustee Wennlund also wished for Kathy Johnson to be recognized for her dedication and contributions toward these goals.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas to adopt the Older Americans Month 2011 Proclamation as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

VI. SPECIAL GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VII. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Public Act 96-874 Identity Protection Policy.

Supervisor McCollum noted that the act requires the Township to adopt rules and guidelines with a June 1st deadline. The rules and guidelines will be on the agenda for the Board's May meeting.

Supervisor McCollum also pointed out for the board the communication from Will County Executive regarding the expansion of the curbside pickup and offered to supply information for insertion into various communication methods. Supervisor McCollum suggested that the Township include a letter for the Paratransit system.

Supervisor McCollum also wanted to point out for the board the letter that was sent praising the Paratransit Service. The service is due to Debbie Cunningham's dedication and is a credit to her and her entire department.

A. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

Trustee Hickey reported that Marshal Cemetery had 1 burial in March. Executive Assistant Marlene Batson handled the registration over the phone. The fee for registering with the new state program was \$5.00 over the phone, and \$2.00 on line. At Trustee Hickey's suggestion, the Township prepaid for 30 burials to be in compliance with the new State of Illinois Burial Database program. There is also a

monument going into place and the new fee schedule will be in effect.

2. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported that for Annual Clean Up Day, the Township will be handling tires, motor oil, anti freeze. There will be vendors available that will load directly outside onto a truck. Electronic recycling will also be available. The rear yard is anticipated to be cleared so there would be an opening for passage. The on site drop off is from 9:00am to 1:00pm 4:00pm. Curbside pickup will be from 6:00am to 12:00pm.

Will County sent copies of their fliers with a listing of Will County's events.

At the Business Expo, there were questions about why the Township doesn't handle Household Hazardous Waste, however Trustee Boban noted that the Township can review money in services, review the costs, and inquired as to whether Highway Commissioner McPartlin would be interested in splitting the costs with the Township.

The Village of New Lenox came up with 1,000 and was matched dollar for dollar in private funds. Trustee Boban suggested that the Township might investigate a way to participate.

The "Moving Wall" is being hosted at the American Legion, and is obviously an expensive and labor intensive event. The event is expected to draw people from all over the Midwest. Highway Commissioner McPartlin was able to locate a vendor who would drop off woodchip mulch at the American Legion.

Trustee Wennlund noted that he wanted mention the event in the Township's Newsletter.

Trustee Kaupas also reported that they were still looking for sponsors for water donations for the event.

3. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that the Family Services Foundation met again and discussed what was going into the letter notifying the members of the new direction of the Foundation, however, they have to contact the original members first.

Trustee Kaupas reported that there were scheduling questions regarding Triad and it was unclear when the next meeting would be. Trustee Kaupas also noted that there was a significant attendance drop off when Triad would schedule events in Frankfort.

Trustee Hickey inquired if there was a way to tie a Triad presentation into someone else's meeting. Kathy Johnson reported that the Safety Commission is getting very involved.

4. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund reported that 99% of all the information needed for the newsletter, however he still needed the information about the "Moving Wall" event and it would be delivered to the printer on Monday.

Trustee Wennlund reported that he and Trustee Boban met and discussed the Bristol Meadows request. Trustee Wennlund noted the Township has no jurisdiction authority over zoning, annexation or building requirements. The Township isn't in a position to object nor endorse this type of project. Trustee Wennlund recommends that the Township should take no action nor be considered a partner nor co-developer.

Attorney Wennlund suggested a written correspondence to convey the Township's position to IHAD with a cc copy of the letter to be sent to the developer.

Trustee Boban reminded the Board that the minutes show that he wished to speak to

the community, and when he did, he got mixed reactions.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban that the Township position would be to take no action with respect to the proposed project called "The Lodge" at Bristol Meadows given the Township has no authority over building codes, zoning, annexation. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd reminded everyone that they had to file their Statement of Economic Interests by May 1st.

The Clerk also reminded the board that in June, the Township needs to pass a fair wage ordinance.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

Assessor Hernandez thanked the Trustees for approving her requested budget numbers. Assessor Hernandez wished to address the concerns voiced about the transfers to her budget and suggested that in light of the Township having reduced her budget from 2009/10 to 2010/11 by approximately this same amount, the Township could seek to identify where those monies went in order to reallocate the funds to the cemetery line.

Supervisor McCollum suggested that there wasn't any further need to discuss this issue.

Assessor Hernandez noted that Trustee Kaupas was concerned and Assessor Hernandez was simply addressing Trustee Kaupas' concerns.

Assessor Hernandez reported that a large number of Senior Freeze applications were mailed out approximately March 25th and that her office had taken more than 130 application to the county alone.

Trustee Hickey inquired if there were more individuals and Assessor Hernandez reported that each year, there are a few new individuals applying for the SCAFE. This year is also a "quad" assessment year for her office.

VIII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

Attorney Wennlund discussed the request from the Highway Commissioner for a clarification after receiving a legal opinion on the Web Site Protocol. Attorney Wennlund noted that it was not meant to block anyone else from publishing records. The Supervisor controls the Township website but the intent was not to block others such as the Clerk, the Assessor or the Road District from having their own websites nor blocking them from publishing public records.

Trustee Wennlund noted that it was never meant to apply to the Road District or anyone else and strictly refers to the scope of the website and recommended to the board that the protocol stands as is.

IX. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (\$18,807.74 for the Township General Fund, \$2,360.00 for General Assistance Administration, \$1,200.00 for General Assistance Home Relief, \$25,541.94 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.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd

APPROVED