

# 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 May 12, 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 May 12, 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

Supervisor McCollum requested clarification under the Budget and Appropriation discussion in the minutes that he was fundamentally opposed to increasing the Assessor's Budget. Trustee Boban requested a correction for the drop off times of the Annual Clean Up Day. Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011 Regular Meeting as corrected. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

## IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Gary Cheney – 2011 Sharefest Event.

Mr. Cheney spoke to the Board about the various events that Sharefest 2011 has planned such as "Angela's Mission" which is to prepare large boxes of goods to be sent to the troops in Afghanistan. Sharefest also has a book exchange which has exchanged over 7,000 books over 4 years as well as distributed over 80 bags of clothing, 4 truckloads of home goods and 10,000 pounds of food. Mr. Cheney reported that Sharefest would once again be having a food drive and wished to make arrangements with the Township to deliver the Township's portion of those goods to the Food Pantry.

Also included in the events would be a Job Fair, a Health Fair with free screenings and testing. Will County also awarded Sharefest a Household Hazardous Waste Event at Spencer Trail School and wished to be able to handle recycled electronics and would like the Township's permission to deliver those recycled items to the Township on that Saturday.

Mr. Cheney also expressed an interest that Sharefest 2011 be able to offer the Township's rain barrels and compost bins at the Spencer Trail event.

Mr. Cheney also hopes that Sharefest and the Township could have an annual event. The costs are estimated at \$35,000, with Will County paying approximately 72% of those costs, with revenue sharing, the resulting cost of approximately 14% to the Township, \$5,000. Mr. Cheney said that Sharefest stands behind the Township 100% and is willing to help the Township with revenue sharing, as well as work together to market the event. Mr. Cheney also offered that Sharefest would gladly supply the manpower to the Township for the next event.

Mr. Mark and Diane Batson - New Lenox Historical Society, Mark Batson, President

Mr. Batson explained to the Board that the New Lenox Historical Society became involved in saving several properties that had been in use, such as Schmul School, which had been transported to its new location. He also explained that when the project was first undertaken, there was a restriction which barred historical properties from being located on Forest Preserve property. However, Representative Renee Kosel worked to help change this restriction.

Mr. Batson also explained that Sandeval House is another property under consideration for moving because Route 6 is scheduled to be widened. Gouger Farm is also another example of a property being given consideration for saving.

Mrs. Diane Batson explained that May is National Historical Month. Mrs. Batson presented the Township with a gift of posters featuring various New Lenox Properties. Mrs. Batson explained that Gouger Farm, while not an official Will County Historical Landmark, is one of the longest continuous operating farms by the same family. The posters themselves are not part of the historical land marking process, just a way to point out the beauty of the community.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Public Act 96-874; Identity Protection Policy

Supervisor McCollum presented for the Board an Identity Protection Policy for review. Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to approve the Identity Protection Policy as presented. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried..

B. Professional Services Contract: FY 2011 Audit

Supervisor McCollum presented to the board a Professional Services Contract for Bruns & Bruns to perform the Township's Fiscal Year 2011 Audit.

Motion made by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to approve the Professional Services Contract for Bruns & Bruns for Fiscal Year 2011 Audit as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Supervisor McCollum in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Senior Housing Apartment Improvements

Supervisor McCollum reported that the shower seats in the Senior Housing Building would be replaced as will various other maintenance items are being identified in an attempt to focus on such costs in the overall move toward keeping rents low.

The locks are also wearing down, with an 8 to 10 year life span, and new locksets are approximately \$400.00/each. Supervisor McCollum noted that the Family Services Foundation may have a place to assist with this facet.

A. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

Trustee Hickey reported that Supervisor McCollum became aware that some of the cemetery records were beginning to deteriorate. In an effort to try to maintain the records, they would categorize the records and put them into a booklet form so the records would be easy to retrieve. Supervisor McCollum noted some of these records were prior to the founding of the Township. Trustee Hickey said that some were from 1836 and other were from 1839.

Trustee Hickey also reported that within the past month, everyone received an IMRF signoff and asked what the Board's position would be to increase the IMRF requirements from 600 hours to 1,000 hours. Trustee Hickey acknowledged that the Trustees would no longer be in IMRF, however it was an attempt to try to address

the pension obligations of the Township. Trustee Hickey noted the Township's liability is somewhat on the low side, and it was at the Highway Commissioner's urging that the Township join IMRF.

Assessor Hernandez inquired as to what would happen if an individual had 8 years vested. Attorney Wennlund advised that the individual could withdraw their portion.

2. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban complimented Trustee Hickey on the appearance of Marshall Cemetery. Trustee Boban reported that the Township's Annual Clean Up day did not see the volume of traffic due to the Township not handling paint drop off this year. The Township did collect 500 gallons of used motor oil, 75 gallons of anti freeze, 175-200 tires, and 65-70 used batteries.

Trustee Boban reported that the curbside collection statistics weren't available yet. There were only a few residents who called because they missed the pickup, however NuWay went back and collected their curbside deposits.

Trustee Boban did note that there was some confusion with Will County doing a curbside pickup, and some individuals believed that the Township's curbside pickup would also be lifting large items down stairs for individuals, like Will County's curbside pickup.

Trustee Boban also noted that Highway Commissioner McPartlin helped prepared the rear Township yard for the event.

May 18<sup>th</sup> is also the Annual Awards for the Assisted Vocational awards.

Trustee Boban noted that Trustee Wennlund was able to obtain a copy of the Legion's poster for the "Moving Wall" for the Township's Newsletter. Thursday nite would be opening night and Monday will be the closing services.

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

3. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that they believe the first meeting of the Family Services Foundation would be in July. Trustee Kaupas and Ms. Kathy Johnson would be sending out letters asking for interest in serving.

Trustee Kaupas also reported that the TRIAD meeting in the Senior Housing Bulding, for the most part, went well.

4. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund reported that the Newsletter went out despite the difficulty in dealing with 5 different post offices and 5 different zip codes. Supervisor McCollum noted that he had received positive feedback from citizens about the Newsletter.

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd reminded everyone that they had to pass a Fair Wage Ordinance in June.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Attorney Wennlund reported on an issue that has to do with the sound barrier wall along Route 80 and difficulty in determining who will take responsibility for the maintenance of the barrier. There has been a request for the Road District to take over the maintenance, however, the wall runs directly into people's private yards and that no funding has been provided for those services. Attorney Wennlund also explained that there aren't any access easements and private property owners will have placed private fences which run up against the wall. There isn't any way for anyone to gain access to the wall. Attorney Wennlund said he would provide a written response to the request.

E. ASSESSOR

Assessor Hernandez reported that 398 Senior Freeze forms have been processed and that Will County reports that there are approximately 10,000 Seniors on the freeze, and the deadline is more than a month away.

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 (\$66,782.74 for the Township General Fund, \$1,568.97 for General Assistance Home Relief, \$67,699.50 for the Road District General Fund, 47,149.68 for the Equipment & Building 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 8:09p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd