

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 February 9, 2012.

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 February 9, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McCollum.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Attorney Cass Wennlund
Assessor Bonnie Hernandez

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hickey to approve the January 12, 2012 minutes as presented. No further discussion; all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Patrick Miner, US Veteran Energy

Mr. Miner discussed the changes regarding public aggregation availability along with the benefits of lower electricity prices which could result in an additional 15% savings. Mr. Miner also reported that Will County would also be seeking aggregation.

Supervisor McCollum noted for the Board that the Township received a rate of 5.89 cents through the referendum passed by the Village. Supervisor McCollum commented that the Township and the Township Attorney would need to review the contracts.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

None.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. FY 21012-2013 Budget Preparation

Supervisor McCollum presented for the Board the first draft of the proposed Budget. Supervisor McCollum noted the Board wanted to keep close to the core responsibilities of the Township and the presented Budget reflects this goal as well as being a balanced, responsible working Budget. The proposed Budget also clarifies the Insurance Fund and Audit Fund labeling. The Township has received requests from organizations such as Sharefest, CASA, and suggested that the

Board should revisit how to address requests of this nature.

2. FY 2012 Recycling Program Expansion

Supervisor McCollum indicated that he and Trustee Wennlund had spoken and believed that a partnership with the New Lenox Fire Protection District would be advantageous as the Fire Protection District has experience in handling recycled oil and there appears to be a market for recycled oil which would in turn yield a revenue stream for the Township. Supervisor McCollum suggested that Trustee Boban sit down and coordinate with Highway Commissioner McPartlin on what type of yard work is needed.

3. Senior Housing and Administration Complex Natural Gas Supply Contract.

Supervisor McCollum reminded the Board that the natural gas is 100% paid by the Township for the Senior Housing Complex and there aren't any individual meters for the units, although an estimate of the cost is included in the rent.

Supervisor McCollum received a quote from a partner of Mr. Miner's and the Township offices are paying a rate of .749 per therm, and .699 for the Senior Building.

The quote was from Nordic Energy for a 12 month contract at .4127 per therm.

Attorney Wennlund noted for the board that there wasn't a cap on the contract. Attorney Wennlund also pointed out for the Board that the contract stated if the Township terminated the agreement, there are damages mentioned in the contract, as well as having the right of first refusal from here, forward, with respect to any contract for energy, which the Township cannot agree to. Attorney Wennlund would speak to the company regarding his concerns regarding the contract.

Supervisor McCollum pointed out that the contract would cut the costs for natural gas in half.

Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract with Nordic Energy provided that Nordic Energy agrees to strike the right of first refusal passage and the other issues are resolved to the Township Attorney's satisfaction. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

4. New Lenox Chamber of Commerce Spring Expo, March 17, 2012

Supervisor McCollum recommended to the Board that the Township continue to participate in the Expo. A booth is \$135.00 this year.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

None.

2. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported that the Bulletin Board will be up on the website and Andromeda will be out to train the staff how to set up profiles. Trustee Boban hopes to have color copies of the new feature for the next meeting.

Trustee Boban also reported that May 5th, the first Saturday, would be this year's Annual Spring Clean Up Day. The contractor, NuWay has agreed to match last year's contract costs. Interstate Battery will also be in attendance this year again. RS Hughes will also be providing 2 oil containers and 1 antifreeze container for the event. And as usual, traditional recycling and electronic recycling will be available.

Trustee Boban reported that Mr. Cheney, with Sharefest was committed to helping

with the manpower. As the event draws closer, Trustee Boban would have a better idea of how many people would be needed.

Trustee Boban discussed the Household Hazardous Waste event last year and the possibility of an event this year. Trustee Boban reported that Marta Keane from the Will County Land Use Department had told him, if the Township and the Village could each come up with \$5,000.00, the County would come up with the other 2/3rds of the cost of such an event and suggested that the Township seek to find funds in the new Budget for such an event.

Trustee Boban also reported that he has been speaking with Highway Commissioner McPartlin regarding the piece of yard to be blacktopped. Highway Commissioner estimates that the cost would be \$3,000-4,000.00 for blacktop.

Trustee Boban also noted for the Board that they would need to research what enclosure requirements are needed for handling recycled batteries and recycled oil.

3. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that the Family Services Foundation was not going to set another meeting until the Committees meet regarding grant applications.

Kathy Johnson has received 66 forms representing 208 people participants for the Food Pantry.

The Paratransit division has also seen an increase in transportation to the new Medical Building, for Drs. visits. Supervisor McCollum also added that P.A.C.E. is also making drop offs in New Lenox, whereby the Township then picks up individuals and takes them to their destination.

Trustee Kaupas also reported that the Triad group had spoken to Mr. Don Winnie, with Cable Channel 6, about doing another commercial and taping events.

4. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund reported that it was going to be difficult to find comparable property sales for the Willow Road property. Some of the challenges presented are in coming up with a legal description due to the fact that the 2.7 acres encompasses part of the creek.

Trustee Wennlund reminded everyone to get their Newsletter submissions in.

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd reminded everyone that early voting would be starting on February 17th, and would continue through March 15th.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

None.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (\$28,238.07 for the Township General Fund, \$1,000.00 for the General Assistance Home Relief (January), \$44,794.75 for the Road District General Fund and \$3,324.57 for the Equipment and 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 Hickey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd

APPROVED