

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 July 12, 2012.

PRESENT:	William McCollum	Supervisor
	Annette Boyd	Clerk
	Martin Boban	Trustee
	Barbara Kaupas	Trustee
	Larry Wennlund	Trustee
	Michael Hickey	Trustee

The following official business was transacted:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The New Lenox Town Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order on July 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McCollum.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Attorney Cass Wennlund, Wennlund and Associates

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Boban to approve the June 14, 2012 minutes as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Annual Review of Senior Housing Rents

Supervisor McCollum reminded the Board that during the Budget process, the Board discussed the goals of keeping the rents affordable and suggested to the Board that the Township freeze the rents at 2012 rates.

Trustee Hickey echoed the Supervisor's comments and added that the seniors weren't receiving any cost of living increases, and the proposal merits consideration, and the Township has been fortunate to have had 100% occupancy.

While Supervisor McCollum noted the costs of operation have been steady, Trustee Boban reminded the Board that the building has a 15 year rating *on the roof*, and that the Board should consider planning for its eventual replacement.

Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to maintain the rents at the current levels. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

B. Bank Depositories for Township Funds

Trustee Wennlund noted for the Board that all of the Township's funds are currently in two large Canadian banks. New Lenox has locally owned and operated Banks, Town Center

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Bank and Lincolnway Community Bank. Trustee Wennlund suggested that the Township consider doing business with locally owned businesses and vendors in the community.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to add Town Center Bank and Lincolnway Community Bank to the list of depositories for the Township Funds. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; Trustee Hickey and Trustee Kaupas abstained; none opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Ad Hoc Committee Appointments: Officials Compensation; Senior Housing Project

Officials Compensation: Supervisor McCollum suggested that he and Trustee Hickey serve on the Compensation Review Committee this year. Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Kaupas to nominate Supervisor McCollum and Trustee Hickey to serve as the Compensation Review Committee. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Senior Housing Project: Given the other proposed Senior Housing projects will not be moving forward, Supervisor McCollum suggested that the Board consider reviewing the studies and where the previous discussions were. Trustee Boban and Trustee Kaupas volunteered to serve on the Senior Housing Project Committee. Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Wennlund to nominate Trustee Boban and Trustee Kaupas to serve as the Senior Housing Project Committee. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

2. Township Participation in Fire District Foundation Beef Cook-off

Supervisor McCollum proposed the Township participate in the event to be held on Saturday, July 28th, during Proud American days. An entry fee of \$75.00 includes the beef for the participant to cook.

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Hickey to approve the Township participation in the Fire District Foundation Beef Cook-off. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

3. 2012 Changes in Illinois Cemetery Oversight Act

Supervisor McCollum reported that the last 3 burials would be the last burials that the Township would need to pay a fee for, as the rules are changing for some of the smaller cemeteries.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

Trustee Hickey reported that a preliminary layout for the additional graves is in process, and not finalized yet. The new layout would create another 500 graves for Marshall Cemetery, close to tripling the current size. An additional meeting with the Engineer is pending.

Trustee Hickey also noted for the Board about the Compensation Review, that last year, the Township requested the employees forego raises, and this year, he would like an opportunity to talk to the Highway Commissioner, the Assessor and the Clerk.

2. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported he attended a Rotary Club meeting in June, and gave a background on the New Lenox Food Pantry. The Rotary Club indicated they would like to help and offered a container in the Library during Proud American Days.

The Household Hazardous Waste event will be sponsored by New Lenox Township and Will County. There will be fliers for the event at the Spencer Campus, as well as featuring the event on the Township's website.

Trustee Boban also noted that during the extreme heat, the Township had signs outside notifying residents of the cooling center.

The patch paving for the recycle containers is now complete and the Township now needs to consider how they want pavement painting laid out. Trustee Boban also reported that the Township is considering a roll off type container, but in the meantime, arrangements are being made for a second recycling container.

A Eagle Scout has even begun a beautification project outside the fence, already.

3. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that more people are now attending TRIAD meetings, and that Manhattan, Mokena and Frankfort would also like copies of the TRIAD program CDs. The cost for the CDs is \$5.00, and they can get 5 episodes on a CD. These Townships are also expressing an interest in airing the programs on their cable channels. Trustee Kaupas would like to request the Board make a donation next month to purchase a set of CDs for the New Lenox Library.

4. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund presented to the Board an organization called Coast to Coast which currently has 59,000 participating pharmacies in a program which offers free discount prescription cards to residents. The program can provide savings to residents up to 55% on average.

Trustee Wennlund strongly suggests the Township participate in promoting this program for residents of New Lenox Township. Trustee Wennlund also said he would bring more details about the program for the next meeting.

Trustee Wennlund also appraised the Board that Mr. Matt Bruns was still researching the possibility of a forensic audit for the Township, and that an appraisal of the Willow property had not been received yet.

C. CLERK

None.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

None

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

Attorney Wennlund reminded the Board to complete their on line Open Meetings Act training program through the Illinois Attorney General's Website.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (29,990.32 for the Township General Fund, \$700.00 for General Assistance for Home Relief, \$203,400.69 for the Road District General Fund, and \$3,065.00 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes; Matters Concerning the Sale of Real Estate; Matters Concerning Litigation

Motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Boban to move to Executive Session for the semi annual review of Closed Meeting minutes; matters concerning the sale of real estate and matters concerning litigation. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Regular meeting resumed at 8:01pm

XI.. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Town Clerk

APPROVED