

Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
WILL County } ss. REGULAR MEETING
Town of New Lenox }

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk at 1100 South Cedar Road on November 8, 2012.

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

ABSENT: Barbara Kaupas Trustee

The following official business was transacted:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The New Lenox Town Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order on November 8, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McCollum.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Township Assessor, Bonnie Hernandez
Attorney Michael Pascarella, Wennlund and Associates

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Hickey to approve the October 11, 2012, minutes of the Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commander Lou Vargas, New Lenox VFW Post: #9545

Commander Vargas was delayed. Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Hickey to amend the agenda Commander Vargas' appearance later. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Commander Vargas arrived and introduced Mr. Bill Walters, Chairman of the Jack Pot Raffle, Ed Kadela, the VFW's past President, and Ms. Bernice Vargas, President of the Lady's Auxiliary. Commander Vargas wished to present a \$400.00 check to the New Lenox Township Food Pantry from the VFW.

Kathy Johnson reported that the Lady's Auxiliary and the Men's Auxiliary were responsible for 130 baskets given out, with a \$500.00 donation having already been donated this year from the Lady's Auxiliary and \$500.00 which will be donated from the Men's Auxiliary. 60 families will receive a turkey, along with Ms. Betty Smith, from St. Jude Church, has another 100 families that will also benefit.

Commander Vargas said the VFW is dedicated to helping the community.

Trustee Wennlund thanked Commander Vargas for the generous gift noting that many people in the community will appreciate the help. Supervisor McCollum thanked Commander Vargas for everything the VFW does for the community.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Resolution #2012-04 Setting Compensation of Township Officials

Trustee Hickey proposed the officials would be taking a two (2) year freeze, with a modest increase in the third and fourth years in the 1% range. Trustee Hickey mentioned that the Township should revisit IMRF for the Highway Commissioner and the Township Assessor at a later date and the possibility of having those positions participate with the Clerk, and the Supervisor at their own cost.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to adopt Resolution #2012-04 as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Wennlund, Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

B. Resolution #2012-05 Transferring FY 2012 Surplus Revenues to Debt Service Reserve Fund

Supervisor McCollum reported that this Resolution will transfer \$975,000.00 to the Debt Service Reserve Fund in preparation for the first bond payment on the Senior Housing Building.

Motion by Trustee Hickey, second by Trustee Wennlund to adopt Resolution #2012-05 transferring \$975,000.00 to the Debt Service Reserve Fund. No further discussion, Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Wennlund, Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Commander Vargas arrived for his special guest presentation.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Maplewood Cemetery: Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee

Supervisor McCollum reminded the Board that the correspondence from the Maplewood Cemetery proposal had come in too late to be discussed at the previous meeting, and he was seeking the Board's initial perceptions on the proposal.

Trustee Hickey noted that given the State's response to the events at the Burr Oaks Cemetery has prompted regulatory actions and requirements that have become somewhat difficult for private cemeteries to comply with. Trustee Hickey said he thought that the Maplewood proposal to have the Township take over the stewardship of Maplewood cemetery would be a good match with Marshall Cemetery. Trustee Hickey suggested that the Township take the steps to match up the prices between the two cemeteries.

Trustee Wennlund believed that Maplewood Cemetery fits with Marshall Cemetery given that these are both historical cemeteries, and fully supports the proposal.

Supervisor McCollum expressed that he was honored that the Township was considered the entity to accept the asset.

Attorney Pascarella noted that he would be happy to speak with Attorney Wennlund about the proposal.

Supervisor McCollum suggested an Ad Hoc committee to research the financial records. Trustee Wennlund volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc committee and Trustee Hickey was asked to serve also, as well as suggesting Attorney Wennlund. The committee would work quickly within the time constraints. Supervisor McCollum said the Township would be waiting for the documents to review prior to the fiscal year end of December 31, 2012.

A meeting for November 26th, 2012 at 1:00pm at the Township was scheduled for the Maplewood Cemetery and Township committees to meet.

2. 2012 Levy Report (First Review)

Supervisor McCollum reminded the Board that previously the Township didn't levy maximum amounts out of concern for the state of the economy. Supervisor McCollum presented the proposed Levy with the suggestion that the Township do the same thing this year, suggesting the Township only increase the Levy by \$15,000.00, which would reflect the new construction only.

Trustee Hickey said the amount would cover the increased costs of the insurance, while also making sure there wasn't an increase for the taxpayers.

Trustee Wennlund and Trustee Boban both concurred.

3. Cemetery Oversight Act: Marshall Cemetery Licensing

Supervisor McCollum reported there were new regulations passed that requires cemeteries to apply for licenses, however Marshall Cemetery is partially exempt from the new regulation, but compliance was required by the end of this calendar year.

4. Employee Christmas Eve Holiday

Supervisor McCollum noted that while the Township has always been consistent with the County's schedule on Holidays, the staff requested of the Board if they could have December 24, 2012, Christmas Eve, off. Motion by Trustee Boban to give the staff December 24, 2012 off, seconded by Trustee Wennlund. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

Trustee Hickey reported that Marshall Cemetery was moving forward with getting additional areas plotted. There were additional markers and discs also being utilized in the expanded eastern area, while still leaving areas beneath the trees so as not to negatively impact the trees. Trustee Hickey again suggested that the Township review the costs between Marshall and Maplewood in order to keep the costs in line between the two locations.

2. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Senior Housing Project. Trustee Boban noted he spoke with Highway Commissioner McPartlin today, and directed the Board to a document that the Township Clerk had delivered to the Board from the Highway Commissioner detailing the \$680,550.00 in costs to replace the buildings that were currently on the property. Trustee Boban noted that the Township would need to discuss this further.

Trustee Boban also reported that Village said the Alden project had some revisions to their plans and as of yet hadn't submitted those changes.

Trustee Boban also reminded the Board that Sunday, November 11, was Veterans' Day.

3. Trustee Kaupas

None.

4. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund reported that the Appraiser was correcting PIN numbers and preparing an appraisal for the Willow Road properties and believed the report would

be available for the next meeting and suggested tabling the Executive Session.

C. CLERK

None.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

Assessor Hernandez reported the Gross EAV (Estimated Assessed Value), without the Board of Review adjustments, was \$1,421,727,522, with new growth of \$25,919,394. \$7,000,000 of this new growth was Navistar, and noted a pleasant surprise that Portillo's wanted an estimated value before the occupancy permit was issued.

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 (\$19,834.75 for the Township General Fund, \$43,052.15 for the Road District General Fund, and \$1375.00 for the Equipment and Building Fund.). No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor McCollum reminded the Board that the Energy Aggregation Referendum passed, and the Township would have 2 meetings regarding Energy Aggregation. The first would be a gathering simply for the purpose of answering any questions from the general public, and a quorum isn't necessary. The second meeting would be for a Plan of Governance. The first will be on Thursday, November 29th, at 5:30pm. The second meeting would be at the regular December Board meeting for the Plan of Governance.

X. Executive Session to discuss matters concerning the Sale of Real Estate . Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hickey to table the discussion until the Regular November meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Town Clerk