

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 January 10, 2013.

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| PRESENT: | William McCollum | Supervisor |
| | Annette Boyd | Clerk |
| | Michael Hickey | Trustee |
| | Martin Boban | Trustee |
| | Barb 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 January 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McCollum.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Highway Commissioner, Dennis McPartlin
Township Assessor, Bonnie Hernandez
Attorney Cass Wennlund

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to approve the December 13, 2012, minutes of the Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hickey to approve the December 13, 2012 Public Hearing Minutes on Energy Aggregation Program Plan of Governance. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Gary Cheney, Chariman 2013 Sharefest

Mr. Gary Cheney gave the board a report on the totals from last year's Sharefest event. Also noted was the company that handled the E-Waste is overwhelmed hence the reason the totals and information weren't conveyed sooner. Mr. Cheney also highlighted statistics such as over 17,000 books have been recycled over 4 years (re used), the House Hold Hazardous Waste event yielded over 46,000 pounds, over 122,232 pounds over the last 3 years, 17,000 pounds of electronics, in all, over 194,000 pounds, 97 tons of material.

Mr. Cheney also reported that the goal is to sponsor a 30 day event, allowing more people to be involved and increase the collection levels.

Mr. Cheney also suggested their intention was to have a place that takes used latex paint. Will County is currently negotiating the cost of shipping and suggested the Township consider having a permanent latex paint collection site. One of the positives of collecting used latex paint is the paint is then taken into the community in Joliet and used. There is also a paint exchange possibility. The only component missing was a permanent place to store it.

Trustee Wennlund suggested devoting a page to Sharefest in the spring Newsletter.

Supervisor McCollum reminded the Board of the first presentation made and congratulated Sharefest and suggested that this event was part of the reason the Village of New Lenox was awarded the Governor's "Hometown" award.

Ms. Rita Facchina – CASA of Will County (*Court Appointed Special Advocates*)

Ms. Facchina explained that CASA, as the Guardian Ad Litem for children, is an organization that draws from community resources to provide volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in our court system. CASA is an alternative to the County hiring Public Defenders for the children.

In 2012, 70% of the cases were neglect due to alcohol and heroin addictions. There was a total of 12,480 man hours and 36,000 miles invested in these children. The approximate cost per child was \$1,080. These services include checking on these children on a monthly basis. The State of Illinois can't afford to attend to these children, and as such, is only attending to the worst of the worst cases.

New Lenox had 3 children, with 263 hours invested in helping these children. There is an attempt to have new legislation proposing a court fee as an additional funding mechanism. CASA is also attempting to work with the Judges about recruiting volunteers through the Jury Pool. Ms. Facchina thanked the Board for giving her the time to re introduce CASA.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

None.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Energy Aggregation: Fixed Rate Confirmation, Opt-Out Letters, Service Start

Supervisor McCollum pointed out to the Board that the rate of .05097/kilowatt represents an approximate 32% savings for residents, and businesses could see a savings as high as 40%.

This is a 15 month contract with an opportunity to opt out until January 17th. Plans are to go forward on March 1st.

2. FY 2013-2014 Budget Preparation: Personnel Policy Review

Supervisor McCollum reported that several changes have been made and need to be reflected in the Personnel Policies and suggested that Trustee Boban and Trustee Hickey serve on a committee to take on this task for the next 3 months.

Both Trustee Hickey and Trustee Boban agreed.

3. Attorney General's Office Buildings and Grounds Report

Supervisor McCollum also reported that the Township received a visit regarding the handicap approach to the office. There was a resident who complained about the % of slope in the handicap ramp and that the ramp would need changing.

Attorney Wennlund noted that normal freezing and thawing can cause these changes over the years, and it is a simple maintenance issue.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

Trustee Hickey reported that the conveyance of Maplewood Cemetery was ready to ~~transpire~~ transfer with only a couple of exceptions to be addressed regarding the Investment Fund. Attorney Wennlund noted the Township would only need to amend the Investment Policy with respect to those investments. Attorney Wennlund also advised a Special Town Meeting of the Electors should be called.

Trustee Boban suggested the Special Town Meeting take place at 6:30 before the

regular meeting in February. The Board concurred.

Trustee Hickey reported on the tree removal at Marshall Cemetery.

2. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported that the Lions Club and the Township worked together in a joint effort on the Seniors Baskets and handled the deliveries on Saturday. There were approximately 65-67 families helped this year with food deliveries.

Trustee Boban wished to extend a special thank you to the Lion's club and a thank you to Berkot's in New Lenox.

Trustee Boban pointed out a Christmas Tree was donated to the Village by a trustee and maybe the Township could do that next year.

Trustee Boban noted that the first Saturday in May is the Township's Annual Clean Up day, which is May 4th this year. NuWay will be honoring the same costs as last year's contract for curbside pickup.

Trustee Boban reminded the Board about the Household Hazardous Waste event in September and that the Township needs to make a decision down the road if the Township wishes to continue as the lead sponsor of this event. Even though latex paint isn't considered a hazardous material, the Township would encounter problems with disposal of unusable paint.

The Township also received another Veteran's name for the Township's Veterans' page.

3. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported on Operation Santa. Both she and Kathy Johnson took bags and volunteer's gifts to Seniors on a very rainy morning. Trustee Kaupas wished to thank Trustee Boban who had donated dog bones for a dog living with one of the Seniors.

The TRIAD Christmas party went well, and was ~~on TV~~ a presentation of a check for \$10,000. Mayor Baldermann moved the ~~TRIAD~~ presentation to the top of the programming.

4. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund reported that he was still waiting on the Appraiser and didn't have any changes to report this month.

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd reported that there had been only 1 slate of candidates filed for the upcoming election and 1 independent petition, which there was only 1 objection filed against that petition.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Highway Commissioner McPartlin reported that the Road District had an opportunity to buy a truck for \$27,996.39 today and requested that the bills be amended to approve this purchase.

Highway Commissioner McPartlin also reported that there is going to be full signalization at Parker Road and Route 6. The Marley Road Bridge would also be closed for 1 year for bridge repairs, with a detour to 187th street. There is a traffic count study going on for signalization at Spencer and Laraway road, which will be a 2 year project at the minimum.

E. ASSESSOR

Assessor Hernandez presented to the Board a preliminary proposal for her budget along with a Salary Survey from the Will County Assessors' Association, reflecting a comparison

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to other townships and the cost per parcel.

Assessor Hernandez also reported that the Board of Review decisions will be in the mail tomorrow so she should be receiving an abstract very soon.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and to include the additional \$27,996.39 for the Township Highway Department's acquisition of a 2012 Pickup Truck as well as approve for payment (\$21,945.32 for the Township General Fund, \$2,656.06 from the General Assistance Home Relief, \$20,725.41 for the Road District General Fund, and \$14,155.00 plus the \$27,996.39 for the truck from 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

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Kaupas to move to Executive Session for the Semi-Annual review of Closed Meeting Minutes at 7:58pm. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Regular Meeting resumed at 7:59pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Town Clerk