

# 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 March 14, 2013.

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 March 14, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McCollum.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Township Assessor, Bonnie Hernandez  
Attorney Cass Wennlund

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Boban requested the February minutes, under his report, reflect that ESDA was only going to be directing traffic for the event. Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to approve the February 14, 2013, minutes of the Regular Meeting as amended/corrected. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

**John Patrick Miner, US Veteran Energy**

Mr. Miner presented results of the Auction, with 5 companies that had participated, pointing out EnergyMe with a bid of .0523 for 12 months. Mr. Miner also noted for the board that natural gas has risen to almost \$4.00 when it had started at \$2.00, and this rise had occurred in just one year.

Supervisor McCollum observed that the 12 month contract appeared to be the greater savings.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Electricity Supplier Contract

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to approve the Electricity Contract with EnergyMe at the rate of .0523/kwhr. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. FY 2013-14 Budget (Final Review)

Supervisor McCollum presented the proposed budget noting the allocation to pay down the debt on the Senior Housing.

2. Maplewood Cemetery Short Term Operation

Supervisor McCollum noted the changes for everyone about the segregated account for the cemeteries, and that the Township has closed on Maplewood Cemetery. There was also a meeting with the Sexton about taking care of some of the reporting with the Secretary of State.

Trustee Hickey noted that the Township would like to move the Sexton to a commission basis for plot sales.

There are also other considerations for Maplewood due to investing constraints for the Township, and cemetery budgets are meant to build up reserves.

Also noted was the Sexton and the Gatekeeper were not paid at the closing.

3. New Lenox Chamber of Commerce Spring Exposition March 16, 2013

Supervisor McCollum reported that the Township is planning on advertising the recycling program, as well as the Food Pantry. Supervisor McCollum reported that he won't be a member representing the Township with the Chamber again and this would be his last year.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

Trustee Hickey pointed out that there was a bill for tree removal from Marshall Cemetery.

Trustee Hickey suggested Trustee Boban discuss the progress on Personal Policy Review.

Trustee Boban reported that several aspects were being reviewed, for instance the extended unpaid time off, and the grievance process. Trustee Boban suggested the Township review whether the policy was in line with the FMLA.

Attorney Wennlund suggested that he review the requirements as there may be a question as to whether the Township met the minimum number of employees required under the FMLA.

2. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported that there would be signs posted for Annual Spring Clean Up Day.

2013 Sharefest event is planned for September 14<sup>th</sup> and the Township has received a commitment from Will County on the Household Hazardous Waste portion of the event. There is also a commitment for a container for useable latex paint. Trustee Boban noted that the Township would then be able to continue to collect usable paint to be stored in this container.

Trustee Boban pointed out that the Township will reject what is not useable. If the label cannot be read, it will not be accepted. Trustee Boban again reiterated that dried latex paint is not considered hazardous and can be disposed of normally. The goal would be to stop collecting paint on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Wennlund advised that the Newsletter will spell out what the Township will and won't accept and would educate the community about the fact it isn't toxic and can be disposed of.

3. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that TRIAD sets of DVDs were finished, and had been delivered to Kathy Johnson. The plan was one set would go to TRIAD, 3 sets to the library, and some would go to Senior Services, and some would stay at the

Township for Seniors.

4. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund reported that he had just received the latest survey on the Willow Road Property in writing and hopes to have it by the next meeting.

Trustee Wennlund also wanted to specifically thank Trustee Kaupas and Trustee Boban for turning in their newsletter articles on schedule. He wished to thank everyone for their contributions to the newsletters and reminded everyone that everything was due by March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd reminded the Board that early voting dates for the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Consolidated Elections were March 25, 2013 through April 6, 2013, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Township. However, the Township would not be open on Good Friday.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

Assessor Hernandez reported that the Senior Freeze applications would be going out toward the end of the month.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to accept all bills and late bills as presented (\$45,538.50 for the Township General Fund, \$660.99 from the General Assistance Home Relief, \$44,387.70 for the Road District General Fund, \$19,747.00 for the Road District 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 8:02pm. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd  
Town Clerk