

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 May 9, 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 May 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McCollum.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Highway Commissioner Dennis McPartlin
Township Assessor, Bonnie Hernandez
Attorney Michael Pascarella, Wennlund and Associates

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to approve the April 11, 2013, minutes of the Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried. Motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Wennlund to approve the April 11, 2013 minutes of the Township Budget Hearing. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried. Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Hickey to approve the Road District Budget Hearing. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Mark Batson – President, New Lenox Historical Society

Mr. Mark Batson, and Diane Batson and Mr. Ron Whitaker made a presentation to the Board. Mr. Ron Whitaker would now be interim President of the New Lenox Historical Society and Mr. Mark Batson would be the Treasurer. May is Historic Preservation month, and the New Lenox Historical Society presented the Township with 3 posters. The posters commemorated 3 repurposed properties; the old Granary, the Lynch home and the Chrch-Scheel-Lanetka House. Supervisor McCollum congratulated the New Lenox Historical Society on their work.

Mr. Milt Grissley, of Florence Avenue, New Lenox, Illinois

Mr. Grissley inquired into the number of miles of road that the Township Road District was responsible for and inquired why the gravel road in Maplewood would be paved if it was historically "gravel."

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Will County Land Use Hazardous Waste Agreement for Fall Sharefest Event

Supervisor McCollum noted that the event is well received and recommended approval of the agreement. Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Wennlund to approve the Will County Land Use Hazardous Waste Agreement for the September 14, 2013 Sharefest

Event. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

B. Maplewood Cemetery; Section Name Designation

Trustee Hickey discussed the newest section of property in Maplewood Cemetery that was currently named "New" section. Other sections contain designations such as the "Valy" Section, the "Morris" Section and suggested that the "New" section be designated as the "Oram" section in recognition of Delores Oram, Secretary of the Association, and Sue Oram as the Sexton. Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas to approve the naming of the "New" Section to now be named the "Oram" Section. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

C. Professional Services Contract: FY 2013 Audit

Supervisor McCollum presented the contract from Bruns and Bruns for an amount of \$9,450.00, which was a nominal 3% increase over the previous year, which was budgeted for.

Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Bobany to approve the Professional Services contract with Bruns and Bruns as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Family Services Foundation

Supervisor McCollum reminded the Board that there would need to be an Annual Meeting because there was an Annual Report to be filed by June 1, 2013, and requested the other members give the matter some thought with regard to how the Board would take shape..

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

Trustee Hickey reported that some individuals of Maplewood were seeking a 50% "buy back" to liquidate their cemetery plots. Trustee Hickey recommended that the Township adopt a policy of 50%. For instance, if someone purchased a plot for \$1,000, they would buy the plot back for \$500.00. This could actually increase the inventory of spaces in some portions of the Cemetery.

Trustee Hickey also suggested the Township consider a "disinterment" fee and suggested a \$1,500.00 fee for disinterment. Trustee Hickey also suggested a \$50.00 fee for transfer of ownership to cover the paperwork involved in transferring ownership. He also noted that a "reissuance" fee of \$25.00 if the Township is required to reissue a certificate if one is lost or destroyed.

In addition, Trustee Hickey also suggested the Township adopt a policy on the type of urn that would be required for cremation burials.

Trustee Hickey also informed the Board that there was a need for more equipment to adequately handle the lawn care requirements of both cemeteries. The previous owners of Maplewood contracted the services out, and the Township is going to try to bring the lawn care back in house. Trustee Hickey suggested the Township consider a couple of part time people to handle these duties.

Trustee Wennlund suggested the Township consider buying professional equipment.

2. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban wished to thank Supervisor McCollum for his time and commitment. Will County sees the Township as one of the leaders, if not for Bill, the entire recycling project may not have moved forward.

Trustee Boban reported that the Annual Township Clean Up Day had yielded an estimated 500-700 containers of latex paint, although not all of it useable, but most will be used by Sharefest. The Township will be collecting paint on the 4th Saturday of each month for the next 5 months.

In addition, the Township also collected 400 gallons of used motor oil, 200 tires and 40-50 auto batteries. There was also an increase in the curbside pickup.

The website will feature the September 14th Household Hazardous Waste event as well as a gentlemen in Manhattan that is writing an article about the event in partnership with Sharefest.

3. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that the Fire District talked about the knox-boxes and the "File of Life" at the most recent TRIAD meeting.

Ms. Kathy Johnson is reported to be very happy with the new Refrigerator and Freezer for the Food Pantry.

Trustee Kaupas reminded everyone about the upcoming food drives from the Methodist Church and the Post Office.

4. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund reported that publication will take place and a date set for the Sale of the Willow Road property. He anticipates having the bids for the August 8th meeting.

Trustee Wennlund reported that Newsletter went out on time and was well received.

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd took the opportunity to swear in everyone for their new terms except Mr. Dave Medema, who will be sworn in prior to the June meeting.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Highway Commissioner McPartlin reported that he had been busy clearing everything off of the roads to allow for proper water drainage in addition to addressing culverts with rusted bottoms, which would require road closures.

The state has estimated it will take a year to replace the bridge at Route 6 and Haas Road.

An intergovernmental agreement is on the agenda of the Will County Board for approval.

The railroad bridge on Marley Road needs servicing again, and Highway Commissioner McPartlin estimates it will need to be fully replaced in approximately 10 years.

E. ASSESSOR

Assessor Hernandez reported that the Senior Freeze applications had slowed somewhat, but June will be very busy with the deadline being July 1st.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

Mr. Michael Pascarella reminded the Board that now they had been sworn in, they needed to make sure they updated their Open Meetings Act certifications at the Attorney General's on line site.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to accept all bills and late bills as presented (\$48,247.23 for the Township General Fund, \$3,017.01 for the General Assistance Fund, \$1,835.53 from the Maplewood Cemetery Fund, \$1,802.29 from the Marshall Cemetery Fund, \$24,816.88 from the Senior Housing Fund, \$71,974.14 for the Road District General Fund and \$31,262.99 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

Trustee Hickey presented a plaque to Supervisor McCollum and wanted to express personal regret that Supervisor McCollum was leaving as well as a great sense of gratitude for his serving the Township for 12 years. In that time, the Township took on 2 cemeteries, electronic recycling, the challenges regarding the Senior Housing Building, among other things. Trustee Hickey expressed thanks for all of his service.

Supervisor McCollum stated that it has been a privilege to serve as a Trustee and then as Supervisor and has enjoyed working with everyone on the Board over the years. It has been one of the special times when you can make a difference in the community, and thanked the Board for the plaque.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Town Clerk