

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 December 12, 2013.

PRESENT: Michael Hickey Supervisor
Annette Boyd Clerk
Martin Boban Trustee
Barb Kaupas Trustee
Larry Wennlund Trustee
David Medema Trustee

The following official business was transacted:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The New Lenox Town Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order on December 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hickey.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Highway Commissioner, Dennis McPartlin
Attorney Cass Wennlund, Wennlund and Associates

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Medema, seconded by Trustee Kaupas to approve the November 14, 2013 minutes of the Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. 2013 Township Levy Ordinance #2013-03

Supervisor Hickey presented the Township Levy Ordinance for the Board.

Trustee Medema voiced reservations about the need to increase the Township's levy at this time.

Trustee Wennlund noted that extraordinary expenses occur during the year, in addition to increases in regular expenditures. Trustee Wennlund also pointed out the unanticipated costs for ADA compliance expenditures on the Senior Housing Building, not only as units become available, but compliance issues that require immediate attention.

Attorney Wennlund pointed out that some of the expenditures for some compliance deficiencies such as the sidewalk cannot wait and require immediate remedy and it is issues such as that which cannot always be anticipated.

Trustee Kaupas noted that a new roof would be needed in the not too distant future, also.

Trustee Wennlund requested a listing of the different problems that have been remedied to date on the Senior Housing Building.

Attorney Wennlund pointed out that once the Senior Housing Building was paid off, the Township would have a more predictable revenue stream to address the unanticipated costs.

Supervisor Hickey also reported that another cost not anticipated was as the new sidewalk was poured, the threshold will now need to be reviewed.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to adopt the 2013 Township Levy Ordinance as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; Trustee Medema opposed; motion carried.

B. Certification of 2013 Road District Levy

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, second by Trustee Kaupas to certify 2013 Road District Levy Ordinance #2013-03. No further discussion, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

C. Outdoor Warning Siren System Maintenance Agreement

Supervisor Hickey presented the maintenance agreement to the Board.

Motion by Trustee Kaupas seconded by Trustee Boban, to accept the Outdoor Warning Siren System Maintenance Agreement as presented. No further discussion, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

D. 2014 Fares, Fees, and Charges Schedule

Supervisor Hickey presented the 2014 Fares, Fees and Charges Schedule and suggested that the Township's cemeteries follow the changes made by other cemeteries with 4 different levels of costs, to differentiate between the upright monument burials and cremation monuments.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas to accept the 2014 Fares, Fees, and Charges Schedule as presented. No further discussion; all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

E. 2014 Supervisor's Office Holiday Observance Schedule

Supervisor Hickey presented to the Board a schedule which reflected the same schedule as the previous year, and essentially mirrors the County's schedule.

Motion by Trustee Medema seconded by Trustee Boban to adopt the 2014 Supervisor's Holiday Observance Schedule as presented. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

F. 2014 Supervisor's Staff Compensation Schedule

Supervisor Hickey presented to the Board a schedule which laid out a 60 cent per hour increase for all employees, and an additional nickel per hour for the supervisors of departments to take place on January 1, 2014.

Motion by Trustee Medema, seconded by Trustee Wennlund to adopt the 2014 Supervisor's Staff Compensation Schedule as presented. No further discussion, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

G. Resolution #2013-05 – Authorizing the Abatement of Taxes Levied for the Year 2013 pursuant to Ordinance #2004-04.

Supervisor Hickey presented the Board with a resolution that abates the taxes that would go into effect if the Township were to find themselves nonperforming on the bonds for the Senior Housing Building, a tax which was a condition of the bonding. A resolution each year will be required to abate this tax to prevent it from going into effect.

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to adopt Resolution #2013-05 Authorizing the Abatement of Taxes Levied for the year 2013 Pursuant to Ordinance 2004-04. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Senior Housing Attorney General Issues

Supervisor Hickey reported that concrete has been completed for sidewalk in front of the Senior Housing Building, but as mentioned, there is a threshold issue being reviewed. The width of the patio doors continues to be an issue in locating a door with a screen that will open wide enough, which also means that all sliding doors in the Building will need to be modified. Supervisor Hickey is still researching the issue.

Representative Rene Kosel has notified Supervisor Hickey that there is the possibility of a \$50,000 grant for a wrought iron fence for the cemetery.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban wished everyone a Merry Christmas and reported that the transitional workers were continuing to be busy helping with the Food Pantry. Trustee Boban reminded everyone that next week would be the annual Lions Club and Food Pantry working together around the food drive.

Trustee Boban also reported that Will County would be letting the Township know if they would be funding the Household Hazardous Waste Program for New Lenox Township next year, although they did offer \$500.00 for signs for the Township.

Supervisor Hickey complimented the Paint Exchange success and suggested that clearer signs may help people understand the types of paints to be dropped off.

2. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that the TRIAD Christmas party was tomorrow, 7:00pm at Aurelio's. The party would be a combination of the Manhattan, New Lenox and Frankfort Seniors groups.

Supervisor Hickey reported that Mr. Byerly would be playing the Santa role again this year in Operation Santa.

Trustee Kaupas reminded everyone they would be wrapping gifts for Operation Santa on December 21st.

Supervisor Hickey also reported that the Food Pantry has had such a wonderful response in donated food from Jewel and other stores, the Township will be looking at space considerations very soon. Supervisor Hickey also pointed out that due to the rapid increase in traffic for the Food Pantry, a "Take-A-Number" system was implemented to help organize the service for people.

3. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund will have information about the title and property sale at the next meeting.

4. Trustee Medema

None.

C. CLERK

None.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Highway Commissioner McPartlin said we've had a relatively mild winter this far, however he has plenty of salt and is prepared should the weather change rapidly.

E. ASSESSOR

None.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to accept all bills and late bills as presented as well as the additional \$1,778.00 bill for the Chicago Title report and approve for payment (\$60,664.62 for the Township General Fund, \$6,273.28 for the Maplewood Cemetery Fund, \$1,237.00 for the Marshall Cemetery Fund, \$4,809.88 for the Senior Housing Fund, \$55,053.85 for the Road District General Fund). No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Medema seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Town Clerk