

# 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 13, 2014.

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 March 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hickey.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Kaupas requested the minutes be changed to reflect that the TRIAD meeting was held at the Police Department with the Chief Deputy Assessor present. Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Medema to approve the February 13, 2014, minutes of the Regular Meeting as amended and corrected. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Sherie Learner, CASA – Will County**

Ms. Learner spoke to the Board to reintroduce herself and CASA to the new members. Ms. Learner explained that CASA is a nonprofit organization which advocates to the court what is best for Children and how CASA can effect great change in a child's life. Ms. Learner's job is volunteer outreach. Currently CASA is in need of approximately 100 more volunteers. This is an opportunity for individuals to get involved with an organization that has individuals from all walks of life and of all ages. It involves approximately 10 hours a month. All volunteers go through an interview, a background check, and training. Ms. Learner provided information and pamphlets to the Board about how to become a volunteer.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Willow Road Property Bid Opening

Supervisor Hickey noted that the Township received certification of publication of the Public Notice of the Bid in accordance with State Statute.

There was only 1 bid received for Willow Road Parcel 1 as listed.

1. Bid on vacant 2.7 Acres – PIN(s) 15-08-17-200-038-0000 and 15-08-17-200-021-0000  
Bid amount of \$5,252.00

Gail and John Bulanda, 542 Willow Road, New Lenox, IL 60451

Receipt of a Money order in the amount of \$500.00 accompanying the Bid.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban, to accept the bid as presented for the above parcel. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Due to the lack of bids on the other property on Old Hickory Road, Attorney Wennlund suggested that Township republish a bid in the spring.

B. Cemetery Foundation Fees

Supervisor Hickey reminded everyone that a monument foundation supplier had raised fees which means the Township would necessarily need to raise fees. Supervisor Hickey suggested raising the fees by \$9.00. Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Medema, to accept the new foundation fee schedule as presented. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

C. Intergovernmental Agreement with Will County

Trustee Boban discussed the need for the Township to have better control over the recycling program, with the suggestion of signs clearly stating the hours of operation for the Township's recycling program.

Supervisor Hickey noted that there have been problems where individuals are dropping materials off without filling out the appropriate forms. Trustee Boban wanted to help clarify that paint is only collected on those 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month.

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with Will County. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Hickey informed the Board that he had spoken with Mr. Doug Gamble, who is an ADA compliance expert. The swinging patio doors are compliant and the Township would be moving forward with actions necessary to have the doors completed.

Supervisor Hickey also noted for the Board that the Township plans on painting the flairs on the sidewalk in the spring.

2. Supervisor Hickey presented the proposed Budget to the Board for second read. One change was noted that a line item was added for the possibility of purchasing another van for the Transportation department.

One bus had been worked on for \$1,100.00 and the 2 busses and a Honda car will be declared as surplus.

3. Supervisor Hickey reported that he did attend an IDOT on High Speed Rail, to operate on the Heritage trail.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reminded everyone that the Business Expo was coming this weekend. As in years past, the Township would have a booth at the Expo and would be promoting the Township's coming Annual Clean Up Day as well as the Township's recycling program. The hours are from 9:00am – 1:00pm in the Lincoln-Way Central High School's Field House.

2. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that the TRIAD meeting about Alzheimer's was well attended and helped explain the symptoms of Alzheimer's.

Trustee Kaupas also reported that the Food Pantry was now serving up to 512 people, 160 families per month.

The Foundation is planning an "Ice Cream Social" on March 20, 2014, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the VFW. Attendance is free for those 50 years old and older. A polka band is planned for entertainment, and the Foundation is planning to have the ice cream provided by Culvers.

3. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund reminded everyone that it was Newsletter planning time again, and requested that everyone please make a concerted effort to submit their articles to him on a timely basis.

Trustee Wennlund suggested that the Food Pantry should be highly featured to help distressed families know the service is here for them. He also suggested that the newsletter request donations for the most popular/frequently needed items to help those families, as well as highlighting the Transportation services.

Clerk Boyd noted that because the Township was no longer offering early voting, that the space reserved for the Clerk in the newsletter should be repurposed for something else.

4. Trustee Medema

Trustee Medema informed the Board that given the Township was no longer looking for a bus, he would begin looking for a suitable van as a replacement.

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd reminded everyone that the Annual Town Meeting would be held on April 8, 2014, at the New Lenox Township Building, at 6:30pm, in the current Board room.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

Assessor Hernandez reported that the Senior Homestead exemptions would be rising from \$4,000 to \$5,000, however the General Homestead Exemptions would remain the same. It is anticipated that the Senior Freeze forms would be mailed out at the end of March.

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 and approve for payment (\$26,798.19 for the Township General Fund, \$955.58 for the Maplewood Cemetery Fund, \$40.00 for Marshall Cemetery, \$6,390.45 for the Senior Housing Fund, \$59,532.81 for the Road District Road and Bridge Fund, \$11,817.75 for the Road District Equipment and Building 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Cancelled

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund seconded by Trustee Medema, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd  
Town Clerk