

# 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 August 14, 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 August 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hickey.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Township Assessor Hernandez  
Attorney Cass Wennlund

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas to approve the July 10, 2014, minutes of the Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dan Seeber – 13340 Timothy Lane, New Lenox.

Mr. Seeber wished to speak to both the Board and the Highway Commissioner about the safety concerns surrounding the ditch in front of his home. Highway Commissioner McPartlin was not in attendance due to the death of his father.

Mr. Seeber detailed for the Board the problems surrounding the culvert and ditch in front of his house with the erosion as a result of the water that flows through his front yard. There is a power line inside of a PVC pipe and no one seems to know what it is. Three lines are now exposed in his front yard. His main driveway is starting to collapse and the second drive way is already collapsing. Trustee Kaupas vouched that his yard was a “raging river” moving through it when it rains.

Mr. Seeber has attempted contacting utility companies however Mr. Seeber reported that no one seems to know what these lines are, and consequently, due to the safety concerns, Mr. Seeber no longer allows his children to play in the front yard. Mr. Seeber spoke with Highway Commissioner McPartlin and the last conversation was Highway Commissioner McPartlin was going to look at a concrete culvert as a solution. Mr. Seeber was hoping to find out where this proposal was and to receive an update.

Attorney Wennlund advised Mr. Seeber that unfortunately, there was nothing the Board could do and suggested that Mr. Seeber contact Highway Commissioner McPartlin at his office during the day.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Will County for Sharefest

Motion made by Trustee Boban , seconded by Trustee Wennlund to approve the Agreement

as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

B. Authorize publication for Willow Road Property bids

Attorney Wennlund suggested before publication, to have some signs made to place on the property to notify more people of the bid request and the final date.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to authorize the publication for Willow Road Property bids. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

C. Amendment to Marshall Cemetery Fence Contract

Supervisor Hickey reported to the Board about there is a height restriction due to being Zoned Residential, so the height of the fence will be restricted to 48" instead of 60". Trustee Wennlund concurred that it would be much more appropriate for the residential area. The reduction would save approximately \$775.00.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Medema to accept the Amendment to the Marshall Cemetery Fence Contract. 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

Supervisor Hickey reported to the Board that installation of the new doors in the Senior Housing building would take place in approximately 2 to 3 weeks at which time the Supervisor would anticipate having the Attorney General inspect the newly installed doors.

The Supervisor also reported on a leak in the crack of the foundation in the storage area of the basement. The Supervisor received a quote for \$1,700.00 to waterproof the crack.

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Kaupas to approve the bid for \$1,700.00 for waterproofing. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Supervisor Hickey also requested the Board consider a special meeting for August 28, 2014 when the bids for the Senior Housing Roof project were due, which would be opened at 3:00pm, to have a meeting to discuss the bids, at 7:00pm that evening.

Supervisor Hickey also reported that he would be placing a bid for the open job of receptionist, and placing the ad, and would be publishing the ad requesting bids for the Maplewood Cemetery fence project.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported that the Mosquito Abatement service had already had 2 sprayings and did a larvicide treatment earlier in the summer. So far, there were no reported West Nile cases reported in New Lenox Township.

Trustee Boban also reported that Manhattan Township was now seeking to join the Lincoln-Way School vocational student program.

2. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that the Assistant to the Attorney General gave a presentation at TRIAD on fraud.

3. Trustee Wennlund

None.

4. Trustee Medema

Trustee Medema noted that the Supervisor was doing a superb job of disposing of those items of equipment on Ebay.

C. CLERK

None.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

Assessor Hernandez reported that the AE for 2014 looked to be \$1,361,999,910.00 with \$1,368,830,978.00 currently, and added \$18,237,972.00 in new construction, with a number of 0.9867, for a reduction of \$11,406,904.00 due to negative equalization. Assessor Hernandez also reported that they had 731 publications, of new construction only. September 8, 2014 would be the deadline for filing a Board of Review appeal.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (\$36,289.53 for the Township General Fund, \$11,650.09 for the Maplewood Cemetery Fund, \$1,956.25 for Marshall Cemetery, \$6,268.86 for the Senior Housing Fund, \$1,300.00 for the General Assistance Fund, \$96,046.40 for the Road District Road and Bridge 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: To discuss possible litigation and semiannual review of closed meeting minutes.

Motion to suspend regular meeting and move to Executive session to discuss possible litigation and semiannual review of closed meeting minutes by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Medema. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Regular meeting resumed at 7:55pm.

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