

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 September 11, 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 September 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hickey.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Attorney Cass Wennlund

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to approve the August 14, 2014, minutes of the Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Crystal Stazak, Delaney Road, New Lenox Township

Robert Stazak detailed the problems with individuals driving very fast on Delaney Road. Despite discussing this with a Will County Sheriff's Deputy, the Deputy cannot always be present even though this problem is now continuous.

Crystal Stazak detailed how there aren't sidewalks and an inability for her to walk her dog and she cannot cross the street.

Trustee Medema suggested the Stazaks contact the Will County Sheriff, Paul Kaupas, directly, to discuss the enforcement issue. Mr. Stazak was also directed to contact the New Lenox Highway Commissioner, Dennis McPartlin, for additional speed limit signs to help notify people of the 30mph speed limit through their neighborhood.

The Stazaks and the Board discussed the ongoing problems. Ms. Stazak expressed the desire to have something done immediately before someone is hurt or killed.

Ms. Linda Meskimen, Delaney Road, New Lenox Township, also wished to discuss a problem they've had with snow plows damaging mailboxes. Ms. Meskimen was directed to contact the New Lenox Highway Commissioner, Dennis McPartlin, directly to discuss her issue.

Ms. Sue Deneen introduced herself to the Board. She is a 20 year resident of New Lenox Township, with a background as a legal secretary, then working in the finance and banking industry, a dance studio manager and now as the new Township employee that will be assuming the receptionist position at the Township.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTION ITEMS

A. Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Audit

Tabled for next month.

B. Approval of Maplewood Cemetery Contract

Supervisor Hickey reported for the Board that 2 bids were received, 1 from Sable Iron Works for \$51,000 and one from American Iron Works, for \$47,573.00, both of which are New Lenox Companies. He reminded the Board that the Township would be utilizing the \$50,000 grant to pay for this fence.

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

C. Purchase of Minivan – 7 Passenger

Supervisor Hickey reported that the Mercury van has over 200K miles on it and it is time to retire this vehicle. The township thought it could be utilized as a backup vehicle for a year, but this is not the case. Highway Commissioner Dennis McPartlin provided information about a State Bid Program, and there may be a vehicle available for a little over \$19,000. Supervisor Hickey recommended that Trustee Medema and he find a van for less than \$20,000 and asked the Board to authorize him to be able to purchase a van for less than \$20,000.

Motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Wennlund to authorize Supervisor Hickey to locate and purchase a van, not to exceed \$20,000. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

D. Road District Resolution for the Purchase of Federal Surplus Property

Highway Commissioner McPartlin would like to participate in a Federal Surplus Property program, and the Federal Government requires the Board to pass a resolution.

Motion by Trustee Medema, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to pass the Resolution authorizing Highway Commissioner McPartlin to participate in the Federal Surplus Property Purchasing Program. 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 that the new doors have been installed in the Senior Housing Building. There is only one question remaining about the type of deadbolt on one resident's door. Supervisor Hickey also noted he spoke to Mr. Dave Stellwagon about replacing a tenant's floor patio decking. Once these improvements have been completed, Supervisor Hickey will place a call requesting an inspection from the Attorney General's office.

Supervisor Hickey also reported that the roofing company would be starting tomorrow on the new roof for the Senior Housing Building. All residents had been notified and informed they would need to park away from the building during the duration of the project.

He also reported that Ms. Kathy Johnson would be requesting the Food Pantry funds that are currently held by the Township, and transferring these funds to the Foundation.

Supervisor Hickey also notified the Board that the Township would be expanding the hours of the office until 4:30pm. The Transportation Department is open until 4:30pm, however the phones currently transfer to voicemail at 4:00pm. With these expanded hours, there will no longer be a risk that someone who is calling for a ride will be missed.

Supervisor Hickey also met with the Township's insurance company, and the policies are going up for renewal on October 15th. The Township will need to look at how it allots the compensation for insurance, given all the changes with the new regulations. Changes now depend on age, past usage, and there is no longer a "group policy" option. The results of this were some had rates that would be going: up 42%, down 39%, up 24%, another is going down by 24%, etc. Supervisor Hickey noted that one solution may be that the Township will offer a voucher for employees to purchase their own insurance.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported that the cool weather has helped to keep mosquito proliferation low.

Mr. Gary Cheney had accumulated 100 5-gallon buckets and was confident that the Sharefest this Saturday would result in enough paint to fill those buckets. This would start on Saturday, from 8:00am to 3:00pm at Spencer Trail Campus. In addition, there is a large Job Fair on Friday, as well as activities all weekend.

The 4th Saturday in September will be the last day that the Township would be collecting paint.

Trustee Boban also reported that the Food Pantry has 2 new vocational students.

2. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that TRIAD meetings continue to grow with more and more participants.

Trustee Kaupas also reported that the Foundation had decided that there are 2 separate checking accounts: 1 for food purchases; and the second would be for Foundation costs. This way, Ms. Kathy Johnson would be able to write checks for Food Pantry needs, given the Food Pantry continues to grow.

3. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund wished to compliment the new fencing around Marshall Cemetery, and that 48" was the correct height for that cemetery.

4. Trustee Medema

None.

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd reminded everyone that they would be passing a levee in November, and first read would be in October.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

None.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Medema, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (\$21,216.87 for the Township General Fund, \$630.03 for the Maplewood Cemetery Fund, \$230.00 for Marshall Cemetery, \$5,873.14 for the Senior Housing Fund, \$559,986.25 for the Road District Road and Bridge Fund, \$4,000.00 from the 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. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Town Clerk

APPROVED