

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 November 13, 2014.

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

ABSENT: Barb Kaupas Trustee

The following official business was transacted:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The New Lenox Town Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order on November 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hickey.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Township Assessor Hernandez
Highway Commissioner McPartlin

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Medema to approve the October 9, 2014, minutes of the Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Bruns, Bruns and Bruns. Certified Public Accountants

Mr. Matt Bruns reported for the Board that his firm was issued an unqualified opinion on the Township's finances that the Township is functioning with business as usual. There were no material changes and proceeded to highlight a few things, as well as noting with the addition of the two funds, the report is much easier to read.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTION ITEMS

A. Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Township Levy

Supervisor Hickey suggested that, even though the Township could levy more, the Board consider levying \$30,130 against the new construction. This would be 3/4s of what the Township could levy, and would only amount to approximately 30 cents per household.

Trustee Medema concurred pointing out that there would be more maintenance on the Senior Building.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to pass the 2014-2015 Levy as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

B. Certification of FY 2014-2015 Road District Levy

Motion by Trustee Medema, seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to adopt the 2014-2015 New Lenox Township Road District Levy as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

- C. Resolution to transfer New Lenox Food Pantry money to the New Lenox Foundation Fund
Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Medema to pass the Resolution to transfer Food Pantry Donations to the New Lenox Foundation as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Hickey reported Attorney Wennlund has spoken to the Attorney General's office and is hoping that an appointment for inspection can be obtained this year.

Supervisor Hickey also noted for the Board that the first Bond Payment is reflected on the bills, to be paid by electronic transfer.

2 new tenants will be moving in, one on December 1st. 14 of the 24 units have had electrical work completed, and washers are being exchanged to front-loading units.

Supervisor Hickey suggested that the Township give some thought to building improvements in the future to accommodate the growing demands of the Food Pantry and finding additional room for the Township Assessor, as well as relocating the Township Clerk back in the Township Building.

One of the possibilities discussed was a smaller additional building on the south end of the lot, as well as expansions into the board room.

Supervisor Hickey suggested to the Board that they should have Architects give the Township suggestions which would be in the long term best interests of the Township.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported the paint exchange is almost completely wound down and almost all the paint is gone. 665 gallons of paint came in/went out to be used.

Trustee Boban pointed out that while some other townships are in the process of changing bulb/fixtures, the Township should be careful about the "recapture" costs that some firms are quoting because those figures assume a 24/7/365 usage of those fixtures.

Trustee Boban also addressed the usual calls to cut Township government in an effort to cut costs ignores the fact that Township Government is one of the most efficient forms of government.

Trustee Boban also donated a Christmas Tree to the Village of New Lenox and suggested that the Township consider donating a tree, also.

2. Trustee Kaupas

None.

3. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund complimented the cemeteries on their beauty and especially appreciated how Sable Fence in New Lenox tailored the fence around the large oak tree.

4. Trustee Medema

Trustee Medema reported that transportation rides were up to sometimes 45 rides per day.

Supervisor Hickey pointed out that all the Township Paratransit vehicles now carry the Township insignia.

C. CLERK

None.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Highway Commissioner McPartlin reported that his teams were getting ready for snow.

E. ASSESSOR

Township Assessor Hernandez suggested that she and Supervisor Hickey discuss how to gain estimates and ideas to help solve some of the space issues.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (\$262,419.04 for the Township General Fund, \$3,001.29 for the Maplewood Cemetery Fund, \$0.00 for Marshall Cemetery, \$8,558.00 for the Senior Housing Fund, \$461.59 for the General Assistance Fund, \$82,922.71 for the Road District Road and Bridge Fund). No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Hickey reported that the Township's flag made it to Springfield as was on stage this year at the Township Officials of Illinois conference.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund seconded by Trustee Medema, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Town Clerk