

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 13, 2015.

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 13, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hickey.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Highway Commissioner, Dennis McPartlin
Assessor Bonnie Hernandez
Cass Wennlund, Attorney

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to approve the July 9, 2015, minutes of the Regular Meeting. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Nania – Constellation Energy

Mr. Nania reported to the Board that the Customer Call Logs for the Township had almost nothing in them, and everything is going well for the Township residents.

The default ComEd electrical rate for 12 months was estimated to be at 7.6 cents/kwh. The Township currently has a 6.956 rate, resulting in approximately \$142,000.00 savings for the Township residents. ComEd is planning on lowering their rates, so the savings expected for the Township Residents will be much lower next year. There has been soft pricing, lower prices and a cool summer which have resulted in lower rates overall for homeowners.

New Homeowners can still opt in, and those that wish to exit the program can still do so without any exit fees. Mr. Nania indicated that individuals who live in the

village, and currently aren't with another plan, can also sign-up/participate in the Township program.

Phil Adair - 919 Regent Street, New Lenox, IL

Mr. Adair, who has lived in New Lenox for 43 years, in the subdivision of Windermere addressed the Board requesting guidance in how to go about addressing the excessive speeding in his neighborhood. He noted that the Highway Commissioner, Dennis McPartlin had put up signs on his street. Mr. Adair has also called the Will County Sheriff's department, which sent deputies to patrol for a couple of days. His neighborhood has changed with the inclusion of many small children and new families. He inquired into whether the Board had the authority to close the access on Regent Street with concrete barriers. He suggested that the Fire Department could still gain access with this suggestion. There was a general discussion about other traffic calming measures such as speed bumps, etc. Mr. Adair indicated he would continue to seek some type of traffic solution to the large volume of speeding traffic in his neighborhood.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTION ITEMS:

A. Senior Housing Door Replacement

Supervisor Hickey reported for the board that the 4 doors, for installation on the ground floor would be more aesthetically pleasing if these were replaced first. Supervisor Hickey was in the process of gathering the approvals from the tenants for installation plans, and currently only had 2 installations scheduled. To purchase 4 doors and installation costs for 2, was estimated to be \$18,280.00 from AGW Architectural Glass Works. (AGW). Motion by Trustee Medema, seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to move forward with ordering/installation. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

B. Township Office Landscaping

Supervisor Hickey noted that the landscaping outside the office near the door was severely damaged and proposed replacing some of the perennials with an estimated cost of \$2,940.00. Motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to approve the costs of replacing the damaged landscaping. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

C. Township Truck Purchase

Supervisor Hickey reported that through the State Program (Metropolitan Purchasing Alliance), Highway Commissioner McPartlin was able to obtain pricing information for a short bed truck, a short wheel base with the ability to turn in the parking lots of the cemeteries. The estimated price through the State Program is \$24,202.00 for a 2015 Truck. The plow would be approximately \$4,600.00, but wasn't on the agenda for this evening. Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to approve the purchase of this vehicle through the State 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 landing in the Senior Housing building was completed last Friday. Pictures were submitted to the Attorney General's office and approval was pending.

Supervisor Hickey also informed the Board that he planned on submitting plans for the new Food Pantry this month, along with the "Turning Radius Study" required by the Village.

Supervisor Hickey requested the Board approve splitting the \$1,200.00 labor bill with Sable Iron Works vendor for repainting the Marshall Cemetery fence to prevent corrosion/damage to the new wrought iron fence due to the paint being defective. Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Medema, to approve \$600.00 for labor costs. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, and Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Supervisor Hickey also updated the Board that 12 trees will have to be removed from the cemeteries.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported that the Mosquito Abatement program had sprayed two times in the month of July. There was a positive test for West Nile Virus, so there would be an additional spraying. Trustee Medema informed Trustee Boban that he has never seen the spray trucks, and asked that it be confirmed that his area was receiving an application.

Trustee Boban also reported that the second container for paint would be delivered very soon. Gary Cheney of Sharefest has numerous projects and he can use the paint as it arrives at the Township. The Township would also have a small container for strictly small consumer "rechargeable" batteries available in the office.

September 12 is the Sharefest Household Hazardous Waste event at the Spencer School campus.

2. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that they had an Identity Theft presentation for the Senior gathering.

3. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund wished to add that Frank Szablewski of Sable Iron Works was doing a wonderful job on the fence and it looked beautiful.

4. Trustee Medema

It was noted that Trustee Medema had another Channel 6 PSA about the medical equipment available at the Township.

C. CLERK

None.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

Township Assessor Hernandez reported that the Assessment changes were published, with an increase of 1.25% increase for residential properties. She also informed the Board that home sales seemed to be rebounding and the new construction was coming in.

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 (\$11,809.88 for the Township General Fund, \$1,547.63 for the Maplewood Cemetery Fund, \$216.58 for Marshall Cemetery Fund, \$8,236.96 for the Senior Housing Fund, \$121,651.19 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. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Town Clerk