

# 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 May 12, 2016.

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 May 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hickey.

II. ROLL CALL

Also Present: Township Assessor Bonnie Hernandez

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Hickey requested that the minutes from the April 14, 2016 minutes from the Regular Meeting reflect that the quote was for "transoms" over the gates. Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Medema to approve the April 14, 2016 minutes of the Regular Meeting as amended/corrected. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; Trustee Kaupas abstained; motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Wennlund to approve the April 14, 2016 Township Budget Hearing Minutes. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; Trustee Kaupas abstained; motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to approve the April 14, 2016 Road District Budget Hearing Minutes. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; Trustee Kaupas abstained; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Professional Service Contract – FY 2015-2016

Supervisor Hickey presented the proposed contract with Bruns and Bruns to once again perform the Township's annual audit.

the Motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Boban to accept the Bruns and Bruns contract for FY 2015-2016 Audit as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

B. Participation in New Lenox PTAB Consortium

Supervisor Hickey presented a request to New Lenox Township by the Grade School to reconstitute the "Consortium" to address Assessment appeals and wished to know if New Lenox Township would

like to participate again. Assessor Hernandez advised that the results of the appeals could be \$118.00, which would not justify the expenditure of funds fighting against appeals.

Trustee Wennlund recommended that the Township not participate in the Consortium this year. There was concurrence on the Board with Trustee Wennlund's assessment.

C. Parking lot asphalt repair work put to Bid

Supervisor Hickey reported that the parking lot was broken and badly needed repair. He advised that it needed to be ripped out, re-graded and a completely new blacktop be installed. Highway Commissioner McPartlin has also reviewed the requirements and it should be ready for review at the June meeting.

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas to authorize Supervisor Hickey to put out a request for bids on the Parking lot asphalt repair work. No further discussion; Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Medema, Supervisor Hickey in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Hickey reported that the Food Pantry drywall is completed, the curbing around the landscaped area is completed. Sharefest will be performing a majority of the painting with an Eagle Scout project. Supervisor Hickey anticipates a discussion with the architect about the Assessor's area as soon as the Food Pantry is completed, although he is waiting on drawings and doesn't have an estimate yet. Supervisor Hickey will also talk to individuals about prices for resealing seams on the Township's building roof as well as ask for proposals to redo the entire roof for comparisons.

A Girl Scout Troop went to Marshall to pick up twigs and another Girl Scout Troop requested a project. Supervisor Hickey suggested that the landscape area could be cleaned up, and the Troop is reviewing that project.

Sable Iron Works would be fabricating the transoms Saturday and anticipated installing them the following week to 10 days.

Supervisor Hickey received a quote of \$2,600.00 to asphalt the north gravel lot at Maplewood which would help encourage more people to park there.

The Will County Electronics Recycling program now has the Lockport Site open, from 6:00am to 11:00am, on Tuesdays and Fridays. Supervisor Hickey reported there is a "secondary program" proposal: A truck comes to the Township, for 2 hours only, once a month to accept recycling. The team wraps everything and hauls it all away. The Township would not be accepting any drop offs, just the team collecting for that period of time. Supervisor Hickey recommended that the Township try this program, on the second Thursday of each month, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

While Supervisor Hickey suggested the Township try this type of program, Trustee Wennlund warned that this could encourage dropping at the Township. Trustee Boban noted the added financial benefit of not using Township manpower or staff for this program. Trustee Medema concurred with Supervisor Hickey that the Township should try this approach.

Supervisor Hickey reported that an Intergovernmental Agreement between Will County and the Township will be sent to the Township Attorney for review.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported that the Annual Clean Up Day resulted in approximately half the number of cars this year compared to the previous year, however there was a big increase in curbside pickup volume. Trustee Boban believes the Township Newsletter was helpful and timely.

The vocational students currently working at the Township will only have 2 weeks left prior to graduation when the Township will be introduced to new students.

2. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported Maureen Broderick advised that occasionally Berkot's will dispose of freezers or refrigerators when they upgrade their equipment and it was suggested that Kathy Johnson get in touch to inquire into the availability of that equipment. The Family Services Foundation is selling raffle tickets to help raise money for a new freezer. Anyone interested should contact Kathy Johnson.

3. Trustee Wennlund

None.

4. Trustee Medema

With the new fuel efficient vehicles, the Township's fuel costs have been reduced to the range of \$250-\$300/month when bills were ranging as high as \$1,000/month.

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd reminded everyone that they would be passing a Prevailing Wage Ordinance at the next meeting.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

Assessor Hernandez reported they have completed approximately 270 Senior Freeze Applications, and have completed some corrections for Homestead Exemptions. For those needing a 2015 Veterans' exemption, they will file a Certificate of Error to credit the exemption to the Veterans' retroactively.

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 (\$60,687.37 for the Township General Fund, \$1,966.03 for the Maplewood Cemetery Fund, \$5,921.58 for the Senior Housing Fund, \$66,091.94 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 Medema, seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd  
Town Clerk