

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 8, 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 September 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hickey.

II. ROLL CALL

Also Present: Tax Collector Kathy Hilton

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to approve the August 11, 2016 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Matt Bruns, CPA, Bruns and Bruns – Mr. Bruns reported that he has issued an unqualified opinion, in his annual audit of the Township.

There aren't any major changes. The biggest change is how pensions are now reported in the Accounting Field. There is a 1.3 million dollar pension liability as IMRF said – this is their computed amount for the Township spread over numerous years. The field has realized that the pensions need to be reported on the face of the reports.

Hester Bury - Northern Illinois Food Bank – Ms. Bury thanked the Township for the work in supporting the community with a Food Bank. NIFB is a member of the "Feeding America" program which covers 13 counties. She related that 1 in 7 people in the area visit a Food Pantry during the year with 77% of those people having worked within the year. Even though 60% of the people are receiving food stamps, this amounts to approximately \$13.00/month/person. They served 62 million meals over 13 counties last year. The NIFB is looking to open a satellite center located in Joliet. This will help pick up the additional needs, and would also offer Volunteer opportunities for Community and Corporate Donors. They will be having a "Pack-a-thon" event at Lewis University on September 24, 2016. Anyone seeking to be involved should visit the website and sign up: solvehungertoday.org.

Mr. Milton Rissley, Jr. – 13244 Florence Road, Mokena

The Board heard comments from Mr. Rissley regarding the road work from PT Ferro in his area.

Sponsorship of Sharefest Event – Supervisor Hickey explained that Sharefest has shifted to a food collection one week, and distribution of that food the following week. The Sharefest event has insurance coverage for the collection, but not for the distribution. The School is looking for a "Certificate of Insurance" - and if the Township were to sponsor the distribution event – TOIRMA would cover the distribution event. Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Medema to sponsor the Food Distribution event on September 17th, at the Spencer School Campus. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Audit Report Approval

Trustee Medema requested that this item be tabled until he could review the report.

B. Resolution 2016-05 Setting the Compensation of Township Officials

Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor Hickey reviewed the various 26 Townships and those surround the New Lenox Township, with Homer being the most comparable in value, parcels and size.

It was recommended that the Trustee position be raised from \$5,400 per year to \$6,000 per year. The Road District Commissioner salary would remain the same for the next 2 years, with a \$2,000 increase only for the last 2 years to \$77,000. The Clerk's position will also remain at \$21,500 for the next 2 years, and increase only \$500 in the final 2 years of that term, to \$22,000. The Clerk had suggested that the salary not increase at all for the next term. The Assessor's position will increase by \$2,000.

None of the elected official's positions have insurance with the Township, but can choose to purchase it on their own, at their own expense. The Supervisor's position and the Clerk's position will remain IMRF eligible, allowing the individuals in those offices to "opt in."

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to adopt the Compensation Resolution as presented. 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 the seal coating for the Food Pantry will be completed on Tuesday or Wednesday. The drawings are currently pending.

Supervisor Hickey also reminded the Board that Insurance review would occur next month. A grant was received by the Family Foundation from the NIFB so that the Food Pantry could obtain freezers and coolers.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported that the Electronics recycling event went smoother this time. Trustee Boban also reminded everyone that the Household Hazardous Waste event would be from 8:00am to 3:00pm at the Spencer Trail campus.

2. Trustee Kaupas

None.

3. Trustee Wennlund

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Trustee Wennlund reported that both cemeteries were beautiful, however Supervisor Hickey advised the Board that one mower needed repairs.

4. Trustee Medema

None .

C. CLERK

None.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

None.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

Supervisor Hickey reported that the Attorney had advised that the Township would need to ask permission again at the Annual Town meeting to sell Old Hickory Road property.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Wennlund, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (\$20,673.61 for the Township General Fund, \$2,008.99 for the Maplewood Cemetery Fund, \$71.86 for Marshall Cemetery, \$23,394.36 for the Senior Housing Fund, \$186,938.75 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 Medema, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Town Clerk