

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 October 13, 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 October 13, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hickey.

II. ROLL CALL

Also Present: Township Assessor, Bonnie Hernandez
Tax Collector Kathy Hilton

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to approve the September 8, 2016 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

The Board once again heard comments from Mr. Rissley regarding the road work from PT Ferro in his area. He passed a flier around, but said no one was interested in talking with him. Mr. Rissley also complained of additional problems in an empty lot with uneven black top surfaces, in which Trustee Wennlund explained that these were measures taken to prevent 4x4 trucks from trespassing.

Mr. Rissley requested someone look at the hole at Hawks Hollow. Assessor Hernandez explained to Mr Rissley that Hawk's Hollow is not a road, and Parker Road is a County Road.

Supervisor Hickey informed Mr. Rissley that Highway Commissioner McPartlin isn't obligated to attend the meetings, and only attends as a courtesy.

Supervisor Hickey also informed Mr. Rissley that Highway Commissioner McPartlin wasn't running again next year, and that Clerk Boyd just notified that she too, would not run, marking this the first time in 50 years that a "Boyd" would not be sitting at the Township Board table. Her father, Doug Boyd served as Trustee, and then her mother, Sharon Boyd as Clerk, and now herself.

Supervisor Hickey explained that Mr. Rissley could address his problems to the new Highway Commissioner, no matter who that was.

Gary Cheney, Sharefest – Mr. Cheney wished to thank the Board and the Township for the participation in the event. There were 106 pallets of food given away, the service projects were ongoing, including raising funds for the walk-in cooler for the Food Pantry. 53% of the cars who came to the Sharefest event were from the New Lenox Township area. 150 gallons of paint were collected, only slightly less than last year.

Supervisor Hickey reported that the glass front cooler had arrived Tuesday. Trustee Kaupas noted that Mr. Cheney also sits on the Foundation Board, as well as being involved in all of these activities.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Audit Report Approval

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

B. 2016-2017 Employee Medical Benefit Plan

Supervisor Hickey noted that the Township is timely addressing this as the plans have moved to a Tier Rating – with overall costs going up. Everyone will be under the \$800.00 threshold, and spouses can be covered, but separately at the employee's cost. The opt out amount will be \$3,480.00, remaining the same as last year.

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Kaupas to keep the same thresholds as last year for the Employee Medical Benefit Plans as presented. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Hickey reported that the Township will put in an ADA sidewalk for the Food pantry, which the Highway Commissioner is working on. The "Open House" date has not yet been set, although everyone is acutely aware that they are working against the winter weather coming.

Supervisor Hickey also reminded the Board that the TOI conference is coming in November, and anyone interested in attending should let the office know.

Supervisor Hickey also advised the Board that they would need to pass an Ordinance at the next meeting to specifically reimburse for travel expenses, and provided everyone a copy for the next meeting, as well as requesting the Attorney to review.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported that the Electronics recycling event had approximately 75-80 cars, and the County had secured a new vendor, who is very well versed in electronics collections.

Supervisor Hickey noted that the new vendor came with several employees to help the operation run smoother. Trustee Boban mentioned the shortening days of winter approaching, and Supervisor Hickey suggested the possibility of doing 1 day a month during November and December.

Trustee Boban reported on the Mosquito abatement program and the equipment was undergoing an equipment assessment.

2. Trustee Kaupas

Reported that the Foundation Members would be returning as well as Trustee Boban's wife would be joining the Board. Mr. Matt Bruns has offered to serve as the Foundation's Accountant.

Supervisor Hickey noted that there is the possibility of an Eagle project for a patio in the grassy area by the pond with a swing the Senior Housing building. The Foundation approved \$300.00 toward the project's materials.

3. Trustee Wennlund

None

4. Trustee Medema
None .

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd reminded everyone that Levies would be passed in December.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

Assessor Hernandez reported that her office would be getting new servers for her office, for a monthly fee, and after 3 years, the company would replace the server with a new server.

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 (\$16,096.95 for the Township General Fund, \$1,637.19 for the Maplewood Cemetery Fund, \$47.58 for Marshall Cemetery, \$12,047.37 for the Senior Housing Fund, \$37,246.79 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 7:53 p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Town Clerk