

Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
WILL County } SS. REGULAR MEETING
Town of New Lenox }

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at 1100 S. Cedar Road, New Lenox on July 14, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Township meeting room.

The following business was transacted:

I CALL TO ORDER

The New Lenox Town Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order on July 14, 2022, at 7:00pm

II ROLL CALL

MEETING ROOM ATTENDANCE.

Cass Wennlund	Supervisor
Dave Medema	Clerk
Martin Boban	Trustee
Barbara Kaupas	Trustee
Kathy Hilton	Trustee
Patty Deiters	Trustee

Also present: Ron Sly Highway Commissioner
Bonnie Hernandez Assessor

III Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to approve the minutes of June 09, 2022 as presented by Trustee Deiters and second by Trustee Boban. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor, and none opposed, motion carried.

IV Guest Comments: Mr. Molloy from State Farm was here to present a check to the Family Services Foundation for the Food Pantry in the amount of \$10,000.

V Action Items: Motion was made by Trustee Kaupas second by Trustee Boban to adopt the new rent schedule for the senior housing center of \$840 per month plus a \$40 per month maintenance fee for a total of \$880 per month for a one bedroom. For a two bedroom, \$994 per month plus a \$40 per month maintenance fee for a total of \$1034. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor, and none opposed, motion carried.

VI ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Supervisor Wennlund: The American Rescue Plan Act paperwork for approximately \$130,000 has been completed and submitted. The new Ford Escape has been purchased and received. After licensing is completed, it will be out on the road. We had two units come up empty and have been re-rented. We are full once again. The VFW is having their 75th anniversary Sunday, noon to whenever. We are all invited. National Night Out is Tuesday August 2nd. Supervisor Wennlund is just checking for

commitments from the anyone. Trustee Hilton said this is a kid friendly and family event. We also have a surplus vehicle to dispose of and would like to have a special meeting to dispose of the vehicle at 6:45 PM on August 11, 2022.

At the August meeting, there will be the presentation of our audit. Another thing we will need to address moving forward is the folks in Springfield have passed a law saying we (the Township) need to form a committee to explore the need for Township Government. The committee must meet three times and file a report with ourselves then disband the committee and do it again in ten years. This must be completed by June of 2023.

Trustee Boban: We had 95 vehicles come through the electronics recycling last night. We were averaging 50 to 60 and the week before that seventy-two. So, the numbers have jumped up to a point that we may be the leader in 2022 for used electronics. For the record, we took in 19,000 pounds for the May Recycle event. Putting that together with what we do on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, we are still a major collector of used electronics. Keep in mind that it is against state law to dispose of used electronics in the regular trash. We are still collecting our other recyclables here as well our glass, paper and so on. Mosquito abatement has not been done this month as it has been very dry. The Safe Communities Coalition that Trustee Boban has attended every other month is set for a Zoom meeting next week. All of our emergency sirens tested well last month. We have two of our transition students graduating out and two new ones will be coming in. If the State wishes us to report on our service in the community, we continue to offer many essential services that the community needs.

Trustee Deiters asked what constitutes opening the cooling center. Discussion ensued as to how to staff the cooling center and what options are available.

Trustee Kaupas: Everyone knows Jim Pitcairn has taken over at the Food Pantry and is doing a wonderful job. He has made a deal with Frito Lay and PepsiCo about supplies for the pantry. We have served 253 families, 654 individuals and the number of families served has increased by ten families and seventy-seven people. We have been getting some supply of meat, but could use some condiments and spaghetti sauce. Kathie Johnson will be leaving in August.

Trustee Hilton: New Lenox is a generous community and said if there are any needs to let us know and we can put it out there. 453 rides this month compared to last year when we used zero gas. We will be at the National Night Out Against Crime. Please come out.

Trustee Deiters: We are waiting on a couple of things for training on the website and we will be ready.

Clerk: None

Highway Commissioner: We may not get our asphalt work done due to strike. We are on a wait and see basis.

Assessor: We were able to use the numbers we ordered in 1994 for the first time. We have been busy in the office due to seniors having to come in to do their freeze. We do not have final numbers from county, am hoping to be around 18 to 19 million this year for new construction. We have nineteen property tax appeals pending that may require a refund to those appeals.

VII APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion to pay the bills and late bills made by Trustee Kaupas and second by Trustee Deiters. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor, and none opposed, motion carried.

VIII OTHER BUSINESS: Trustee Deiters asked about the cemetery issues and how we are addressing them. The Supervisor suggested we are reaching out to families to see what we can do to address some of the issues. Trustee Hilton asked about savings programs available to us for our buildings. Supervisor Wennlund said it is something into which we can look.

IX EXECUTIVE SESSION

X ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Boban and second Trustee Deiters. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor, and none opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Medema, Clerk