

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 December 12, 2019.

The following business was transacted:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The New Lenox Town Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order on December 12,, 2019 at 7:00pm

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Michael Hickey	Supervisor
Larry Wennlund	Clerk
Martin Boban	Trustee
Barbara Kaupas	Trustee
Kathy Hilton	Trustee
Dave Medema	Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hilton

Assessor Bonnie Hernandez

Highway Commissioner Ron Sly

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to approve the November 14, 2019, minutes of the Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all voted in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

IV BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor Hickey introduced ORDINANCE 2019-02, NEW LENOX TOWNSHIP LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, which provides for an increase in the annual levy over the previous year of 1.4% for existing real estate and a 2.55% increase with respect to all real estate in the township. And the Supervisor's CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE with the TRUTH IN TAXATION LAW with regard to the adoption of said levy ordinance. Trustee Kaupas made a motion to adopt said ordinance and Trustee Boban seconded said motion and upon a roll call vote the same was unanimously adopted. Supervisor Hickey also introduced his CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE with the Illinois Truth in Taxation Law (35ILCS 200/18-90) regarding the adoption of said LEVY ORDINANCE.

Supervisor Hickey presented the 2020 Supervisors Office Holiday Schedule and upon a motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Medema to approve and adopt said schedule was unanimously adopted.

Supervisor Hickey announced to the Board increases in compensation for his office staff as follows; an hourly increase in the amount of \$ 0.85 cents per hour for all employees and with respect to Linda Stellwagen, Debbie Cunningham, and Kathy Johnson, there shall be an hourly increase in the amount of \$1.10 per hour. Upon a motion made by Trustee Kaupas, and seconded by Trustee Medema, the same was unanimously approved. Supervisor Hickey introduced his recommendations regarding cemetery policies and fees for both Maplewood Cemetery and Marshall Cemetery. Commencing January 1, 2020 grave openings shall be increased from \$1,150. To \$1,200.and cremation openings shall increase from \$575.00 to \$600.00. Fees for the Sexton shall be increased from \$300.00 to \$400.00 per month and for supervision by the Sextant of each burial the sum of \$50.00 per observation. The cost of grave sites at each cemetery will remain the same. Upon motion of Trustee Kaupas seconded by Trustee Boban the Board unanimously approved said increases on a roll call vote.

Supervisor Hickey recommended fare increases for 2020 transportation via the Townships transportation system from \$2:00 to \$3:00 for senior citizens and from \$4:00 to \$5:00 for adults due to increase in operation including fuel costs. A motion to approve said recommendations was made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Medema and upon a roll call vote was unanimously approved.

Supervisor Hickey stated that one of the four Outdoor Warning Sirens that can provide sirens loud enough to warn residents of impending dangerous weather systems approaching the area, needed to be replaced at a cost of \$2389.00 to the Township. On motion of Trustee Boban seconded by Trustee Kaupas, the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board unanimously approved certification of the TAX LEVY ORDINANCE NO. 19-03 OF THE NEW LENOX TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT on motion of Trustee Medema, seconded by Trustee Boban, and the same will be certified by the clerk.

- V Assessor Hernandez advised the Board that her budget for employee's health care had to be increased from \$2,100 per employee per year to \$9,600 per year due to increased insurance company's health care cost increases.

VI TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Boban reports that 2,645 pounds of clothing and shoes were donated to GREEN CITY, which should reimburse the Township in the amount of \$264.00. Trustee Boban also reported that the Township's Christmas tree was in place and decorated for the season. And, that the Transition students were assisting in the delivery of food pantry items to needy seniors in the Township.

Trustee Hilton states that she has been working with the Transportation service employees and is grateful for their help with the expanded service to our residents

Trustee Kaupas reported that the next TRIAD Christmas Program was held today at 1PM, and the Operation Santa program will be on December 14th at 8:45AM. The OPERATION SANTA will again provide gifts and home baked cookies for the shut-in seniors and who are residents of nursing homes in the Township.

Motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Boban to recess the Regular meeting and to adjourn to a Closed meeting to discuss possible legal actions, which may be necessary to protect certain township resident in the senior housing building including litigation. Vote was unanimous, regular meeting issues adjourned.

The Regular meeting was called back to order after the close of the Executive session upon motion by Trustee Medema seconded by Trustee Kaupas and said motion was unanimously approved.

VII APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Trustee Medema to accept and pay all bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, all voted in favor, none opposed, Motion carried unanimously.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Medema seconded by Trustee Boban, to adjourn the meeting and on a roll call-vote all voted in favor, none opposed, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Wennlund. Township Clerk