

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 March 11, 2021 by virtue of ZOOM the electronic internet meeting app in accordance with the Governor's Disaster Proclamation as well as physical presence of some Township officials at 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 March 11, 2021 at 7:00pm

II. ROLL CALL

MEETING ROOM AND INTERNET PRESENCE VIA ZOOM

	Michael Hickey	Supervisor
	Dave Medema	Clerk
	Martin Boban	Trustee
ZOOM	Barbara Kaupas	Trustee
	Kathy Hilton	Trustee
	Patty Deiters	Trustee

Also Present: Highway Commissioner Ron Sly in person
Assessor Bonnie Hernandez via zoom
Township attorney Cass Wennlund via Zoom

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Hilton, to approve the February 11, 2021 minutes of the Regular Meeting. Upon a roll call vote, Supervisor Hickey and Trustees Boban, Kaupas, Hilton and Deiters voted in favor of said motion, none opposed; motion carried.

V GUEST COMMENTS

Guest Maureen Flannigan Broderick was in attendance and wished to convey her concerns as to how the minutes are written. Supervisor Hickey had refreshed her conversation of the previous month where the township attorney had explained that to her in great detail.

IV BOARD ISSUES-- ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor brought up the Annual Town Meeting agenda. Having no action items come in from electors he mentioned the road commissioner's request to add the movement of funds to the agenda. He then opened the floor for comments. Hearing none he asked for a motion to accept the agenda for the April 13th Annual Town Meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Boban and second by Trustee Deiters to adopt the April 13, 2021 Annual Town Meeting agenda. Upon a roll call vote Supervisor Hickey and Trustees Boban, Kaupas, Hilton and Deiters voted in favor of said motion and none opposed; motion carried.

Supervisor Hickey brought the accounting firm of Hearne and Associates to the floor that did the audit last year. Trustee Hilton made mention about the administrative cost cap that was put in place and was thankful it was done so this year. Motion was made to use Hearne and Associates by Trustee Hilton and second by Trustee Kaupas to hire Hearne and Associates. Upon a roll call vote Supervisor Hickey and Trustees Boban, Kaupas, Hilton and Deiters voted in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

VI SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor mentioned that the budgets for the township and road district have been posted and have also been placed in the newspaper as per state statute for the April 8th hearing and action.

Supervisor Hickey also mentioned the packets going out by email due to irregularities at the post office and packets not being received on time. Anyone wanting a hard copy should let the supervisor know. Trustee Hilton indicated she was fine with getting it through email.

Supervisor Hickey stated that the road district budget will be adopted during the hearing and immediately following the hearing the township will vote and adopt theirs.

The chamber that normally has an expo in March is having an outdoor expo on May 15, 2021 in the commons rain or shine. They do not provide tents and if it rains it will be a wash.

VII TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Boban there was a covid situation that kept the students out of the food pantry for a time not due to the food pantry but an issue at the school.

Electronics recycling is beginning to pick up again. May 1st is our annual recycling day and everything is currently a go. Lincolnway High School has assured us there will be some student athletes available for help on that day. House hold hazardous waste is still collected in conjunction with Share Fest and Spencer Trail campus in September. Veteran's recognition added another bio this past week to the veteran's recognition page and the page is doing well.

Trustee Kaupas said Kathy says the pantry is doing well and has Trustee Kaupas down as a volunteer for Tuesdays. Questions were raised as to where donations to the foundation are directed. There was confusion when checks are made out as to whether or not they are pantry funds. There are two different accounts to the foundation one for the foundation and one for the food pantry. Trustee Deiters had some input as to obtaining food for the pantry at less cost. Supervisor advised her to get with Trustee Kaupas on the matter. Trustee Kaupas was of the opinion the foundation would work out the money donation issue.

Trustee Hilton: Rides are picking up in transportation. They are currently keeping two drivers busy. 141 From the main driver and 98 from the substitute driver. Trustee Hilton feels the service is heading back up to the 600-ride range soon. All of our drivers have been vaccinated for Covid.

Trustee Hilton spoke with Mayor Balderman about the possibility of sharing all of our services to provide a vaccine clinic here in New Lenox. She has also spoke with county board members with regards to this issue also.

Trustee Hilton mention that Share Fest was having another food give away at United Methodist Church on March 13th Trustee Hilton and Kaupas attended one previously and was impressed with their organization.

VIII OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

CLERK: Dave Medema shared the newsletter proof with the board for any corrections or changes that they may want to make. Trustee Hilton wanted to make sure the wheelchair ride information was up to date in the newsletter. Notices have gone out in the paper for the township and road district budget hearings. We have adopted the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting. We are preparing for the precinct 12 polling place here at the admin building.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: The road district is beginning its transition to spring from winter; prepping for road repairs and picking up the trash build up from winter on the side of the roads.

ASSESSOR: Bonnie spoke about the information in the newsletter informing the public about the senior discount freeze. It seems every year people have been missing out on it. The county just forwarded information on working with Springfield to get house bill 3289 passed which would roll over all of the senior freeze apps.

Attorney Cass Wennlund stated he would resign as attorney at the end of the month of April and new council would be hired only if needed in future events.

VIII APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Trustee Kaupas to accept and pay all bills as presented, seconded by

Trustee Deiters, and upon a roll call vote all voted in favor, none opposed, Motion was unanimously adopted.

Motion was made to enter Executive Session by Trustee Deiters and second by Trustee Boban. A roll call vote was taken all voted in favor none opposed.

8:05 p.m. went into Executive Session and 8:15 p.m. returned from Executive Session.

X ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Deiters seconded by Trustee Hilton, to adjourn the meeting and on a roll call vote all voted in favor, none opposed, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Medema, Clerk