

Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
WILL County
Town of New Lenox

} SS. REGULAR MEETING

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at 1100 S. Cedar Road, New Lenox on February 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 February 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

Also Present: Highway Commissioner Ron Sly in person
Township attorney Cass Wennlund via Zoom

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Hilton, to approve the January 14, 2020 minutes of the Regular Meeting. Upon a roll call vote, Supervisor Hickey and Trustees Boban, Kaupas and Hilton voted in favor of said motion, none opposed; motion carried.

IV GUEST COMMENTS

Sheila Corrigan was in attendance and introduced herself.
Phil Juarez was in attendance and introduced himself.
Maureen Broderick was in attendance and asked a question about how the minutes are transcribed. The township attorney explained how they are taken and written. She also questioned the filling of the trustee position. The supervisor said the position was now being filled because the statute calls for it to be filled within 60 days. Trustee Hilton made mention that we were following state statute.

V BOARD ISSUES-- ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor Hickey declared a vacancy in a trustee position. Supervisor Hickey asked for nominations from the board to fill the position. Trustee Kaupas nominated Patty Deiters and Trustee Hilton second the motion. Nominations were closed and a vote taken. Supervisor Hickey and Trustees Boban, Kaupas and Hilton voted in favor of said motion, none opposed; motion carried. Trustee Hilton congratulated Patty Deiters and mentioned the board was adhering to state statute. Patty Deiters was sworn in by New Lenox Township Clerk Dave Medema.

Supervisor brought the lawn care contracts to the table for the coming year. Since they begin in April they need to be approved in February or March. These services maintain Marshall and Maplewood Cemeteries as well as the admin and senior housing properties. Motion was made by Trustee Boban second by Trustee Kaupas to accept the new contract. A roll call vote was taken, Supervisor Hickey and Trustees Boban, Kaupas and Hilton voted in favor of said motion, Trustee Dieters abstained; motion carried.

Supervisor Hickey introduced a resolution recognizing Larry Wennlund for his service to the township and the community where he served as a State Rep, Park Board Member Township Trustee, Township Clerk, Lions Club President among a few of his many, many accomplishments. A motion was made to accept Resolution 2021-01 by Trustee Boban, second by Trustee Kaupas. Upon a roll call vote, Supervisor Hickey and Trustees Boban, Kaupas, Hilton and Deiters voted in favor of said motion, none opposed; motion carried.

Supervisor Hickey brought up the May 1st recycle day. Supervisor Hickey and Trustee Boban spoke to the electronics recycling program and how the cleanup day evolved into a recycle day. Trustee Boban added that we now accept automotive batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, tires and latex paint in addition to the electronics.

Supervisor Hickey noted that the newsletter should not go out before the election and that Clerk Dave Medema has agreed to handle the editing details again this year because of his magnificent handling of the letter last year and the board was at the moment short a trustee.

Supervisor Hickey talked about the current conditions and the need to utilize zoom meetings. Different services were looked at and zoom seemed to be the most user-friendly.

VI SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Hickey said we will be adopting the annual town meeting agenda in March. Any submissions for the agenda must be submitted by March 1st.

The audit will be looked at in March. Covid shots are being given to employees, they are not mandatory. We would like to be able to give wheel chair rides again so we would like to get the drivers the covid vaccination.

VII TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Boban said student volunteers were able to start back at the food pantry on Fridays only but then a worker at the school involved with the program was potentially exposed to the covid virus so all students involved with the transition program were quarantined as a precaution and will be back on the 19th. Electronics collections on the 2nd and 4th wed are continuing with good turnout. We are moving ahead with the recycle day. The veteran recognition site is doing well and we are up to around 50 veterans on the site.

Trustee Kaupas volunteered at the food pantry and spoke on how the pantry is operating under covid restrictions. Food is brought out rather than having people go in and it seems to be going well. Barb recognized Liz Wednicki for her free food Friday event at the American Legion Hall.

Trustee Hilton, Rides for the transportation department are on the rise again. Debbie Cunningham has been doing a lot of running around and worked hard to make sure our drivers get the vaccine. Trustee Hilton mentioned trying to have a partnership with the Village of New Lenox and Silver Cross by having an event here at the township. Sharefest is having another food giveaway at LincolnWay West High School.

Trustee Deiters wanted to thank the board for their support and looks forward to helping the people of the community.

VIII OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

CLERK: Dave Medema spoke on doing the newsletter. Economic statements will be Due on May 1st.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Ron Sly reported that his guys are receiving the first round of covid shots.

ASSESSOR: Not in attendance

VIII APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Trustee Boban to accept and pay all bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, and upon a roll call vote all voted in favor, none opposed, Motion was unanimously adopted.

X ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Hilton 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 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Medema, Clerk