

# 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 October 10, 2019.

The following business was transacted:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The New Lenox Town Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order on October 10, 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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Boban, to approve the September 12, 2019, minutes of the Regular Meeting as amended. No further discussion; all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUEST/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Hickey asked if anyone was present who wished to address the Board, there being none, he addressed the Board Issues-Action Items.

V. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Hickey discussed the Townships levy for the current year based on the value of existing real property and the estimated value of new improved real estate in the Township. The estimated existing equalized assessed value for 2019 will be \$1,500,653,559 on which a maximum tax on existing would be \$1,307,703. for township purposes, which would be a maximum increase of 1.9%. At this time all amounts are estimated and will not be determined until final figures are based on facts

VI TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Boban reports that used electronics collections continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 5-7 PM. Also, the Township helps to support the household hazardous waste program adopted by Will County, which was promoted at the August 31st concert and at the Share Fest event which was held on September 14<sup>th</sup>. 2019. Trustee Boban also reported that the mosquito abatement program has determined that testing of samples from New Lenox has shown no positive West Nile samples. Trustee Boban also reports that the Transition Program has several new students in this successful program and such new students are progressing very well and the job coaches are working closely to engage the students into the program. Trustee Boban also reports the he is working on a new veteran's story to be featured.

Trustee Hilton states that she has been working with the Transportation service employees to develop a policy to allow Developmentally Disabled New Lenox Township residents over the age of 22 to get a ride beyond township boundaries for employment purposes only. At the age of 22, these students have aged out of educational services program and are no longer eligible to use their free transportation programs. Trustee Hilton also asks the other Board members for input regarding the extent of transporting such students beyond township boundaries and how to fund the costs of such transportation. Trustee Hilton presented a draft policy regarding several transportation issues and seeks input from the Supervisor and Board regarding issues raised therein. She expressed her gratitude for the assistance of Transportation Director Debbie Cunningham and Receptionist Sue Deneen in gathering information about transportation availability and prices in surrounding areas and wanted their efforts to be acknowledged.

Supervisor Hickey suggested an increase in fares may be appropriate for transportation beyond township boundaries and expressed the need for more part time drivers to service such needs and the fact that the transportation budget presently amounts to about \$223,000 per year which is a fact to keep in mind when determining fares for such transport beyond the township boundary. Trustee Hilton stated that demand for rides increases each year and now is over 600 plus rides per month.

Trustee Kaupas reported that The Foundation's Annual Meeting took place on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 with 10 foundation members present. Also, Trustee Kaupas stated that the next TRIAD Christmas Program will be December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. and the Operation Santa program will be on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:45AM. Trustee Boban reported that fresh cut Christmas trees will be provided for operation Santa.

VII APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Boban. To accept all bills as presented and approve for payment of the same. All voted in favor, none opposed, Motion carried.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Medema seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to adjourn the meeting and on a roll call-vote all voted in favor, none opposed, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Larry Wennlund, Township Clerk \_\_\_\_\_