

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 January 14, 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 January 14, 2021 at 7:00pm

II. Appointment of Clerk Pro Tem

Supervisor Hickey appointed Beth Gilboe to serve as Clerk Pro Tem in the absence of resigned Township Clerk Larry Wennlund. Motion was made by Trustee Boban and seconded by Trustee Kaupas to appoint Beth Gilboe as Clerk Pro Tem. Upon taking a roll call vote Supervisor Hickey and Trustees Boban, Kaupas, Hilton and Medema voted in favor of the motion, none opposed; motion carried.

III. ROLL CALL

MEETING ROOM AND INTERNET PRESENCE VIA ZOOM

Present:	Michael Hickey	Supervisor
	Martin Boban	Trustee
	Kathy Hilton	Trustee
	Dave Medema	Trustee
ZOOM	Barbara Kaupas	Trustee

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

Absent:	Larry Wennlund	Clerk
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IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Medema, to approve the December 10, 2020 minutes of the Regular Meeting. Upon a roll call vote, Supervisor Hickey and Trustees Boban, Hilton, Kaupas and Medema voted in favor of said motion, none opposed; motion carried.

V. BOARD ISSUES-- ACTION ITEMS

A. Supervisor Hickey presented the resignation letter of Clerk Wennlund. Motion was made by Trustee Boban and seconded by Trustee Hilton to accept the resignation letter of Clerk Wennlund. Roll call vote was taken Supervisor Hickey and Trustees

Boban, Kaupas, Hilton and Medema voted in favor of said motion, none opposed; motion carried.

Supervisor Hickey said thank you for Larry Wennlund's many years of service.

- B. Supervisor Hickey entertained nominations for New Lenox Township Clerk. Trustee Hilton nominated Dave Medema seconded by Trustee Kaupas. Supervisor Hickey asked for any other nominations. Hearing none, nominations were closed. At this time, Trustee Medema submitted a letter of resignation to the New Lenox Township Board of Trustees. Motion was made by Trustee Boban and seconded by Trustee Kaupas to accept Trustee Medema's resignation. Upon a roll call vote, Supervisor Hickey and Trustees Boban, Kaupas and Hilton voted in favor of said motion, none opposed; motion carried.
- C. Discussion of the nomination to appoint Dave Medema to New Lenox Township Clerk was opened. Trustee Boban spoke briefly about the circumstances and the legal necessity of having a clerk in place. Supervisor Hickey spoke about the need for a clerk to attest to his signature of all checks. Trustee Hilton thanked Larry Wennlund for his years of service to the community. Upon a roll call vote, Supervisor Hickey and Trustees Boban, Kaupas and Hilton voted yes in favor of electing Dave Medema as New Lenox Township Clerk. Judge Cory Lund was in attendance to swear in Dave Medema. Dave Medema was sworn in as New Lenox Township Clerk.
- D. Supervisor Hickey raised the issue of bumping up the minimum wage for starting employees to keep with the pace of the new state law raising the minimum wage. Supervisor Hickey also stated that he would like to give the part time and Maintenance workers the rest of the \$1.00 raise. This is to get them in line with the hiring of new employees at a higher rate than the employees we have now. A motion was made by Trustee Kaupas and seconded by Trustee Boban to raise the wage for new hire part time employees to \$12.00 per hour and new hire full time employees to \$12.50 per hour. Upon a roll call vote, Supervisor Hickey and Trustees Boban, Kaupas and Hilton voted in favor of said motion, none opposed; motion carried.
- E. Resolution 2021-01 Authorizing the Executive Assistant to sign checks only in the event of the Supervisor being incapacitated was tabled for discussion at a later time.

SPECIAL GUEST/ PUBLIC COMMENTS (five-minute limit)

Guest Maureen Broderick was in attendance and expressed her views with regards to the clerk vacancy.

VI Reports from Township Officials

- A. Supervisor Report- All of the items presented above as Board Issues- Action Items of the Supervisor are those matters which constitute the Supervisor's report. In addition, the Supervisor also made mention of an email from Will County with regards to our Share fest commitment. The Board agreed to wait on a contractual commitment until the new Board is seated in April.

Supervisor Hickey spoke on the upcoming Annual Town Meeting and the agenda items having to be in by March 1st. Next month the Board will be adopting the agenda unless the Governor's office issues a decree saying otherwise.

Upcoming bids for landscaping will be on the February or March agenda and the Road District replaced the mail box that was knocked over in the last winter storm.

B. Trustees

1. Trustee Boban - Trustee Boban thanked everyone for help on the Christmas tree. Trustee Boban spoke of absence of volunteers in the food pantry and the labor involved with running it. Supervisor Hickey considered the possibility of adding Lincoln-Way students and coaches as Friday volunteers. Electronic recycling had 86 vehicles. Remember the Veterans Recognition page on the web site. The recycling event for New Lenox Township is the first Saturday in May and we need to get it into the newsletter and get that out. With the COVID-19 situation, we were unable to get out the newsletter last year and many events were canceled. The situation of volunteers for the event will need to be addressed soon because with COVID-19 they may be unavailable.
2. Trustee Kaupas wants to present Larry Wennlund with a plaque for his service to the community. Supervisor Hickey suggested a resolution at the next meeting. We have many new people utilizing the food pantry. Trustee Kaupas wanted to thank Debbie Cunningham for organizing operation Santa Claus to go to the seniors and recognized Trustee Hilton for efforts as well.
3. Trustee Hilton also wanted to thank Debbie Cunningham for her efforts on operation Santa Claus. Trustee Hilton also wanted to thank everyone in the room for their help and efforts as well. Rides are still down but beginning to climb. 182 rides in December 143 in November down from 800 last year. Trustee Hilton made mention of wanting to get someone from Will County Health to do registrations here in the Township for COVID-19 vaccines.

C. CLERK: Dave Medema wanted to thank the Board for their confidence in electing him as the Clerk.

D. ROAD COMMISSIONER: No Report

E. ASSESSOR: Not in attendance

VII. Report from Attorney - None

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

IX. Other Business - None

X. Adjournment

Motion made by Trustee Hilton 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 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Medema, Clerk