

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 June 10, 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 June 10, 2021 at 7:00pm

II ROLL CALL

MEETING ROOM ATTENDANCE NONE VIA ZOOM.

Cass Wennlund	Supervisor
Dave Medema	Clerk
Martin Boban	Trustee
Barbara Kaupas	Trustee
Kathy Hilton	Trustee
Patty Deiters	Trustee

Also Present: Highway Commissioner Ron Sly
Assessor Bonnie Hernandez
Collector Elect Phil Juarez

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of May 13th made by Trustee Deiters and Second by Trustee Kaupas. Trustees Boban, Kaupas, Hilton and Deiters voted in favor. Supervisor Wennlund abstained.

IV SPECIAL GUEST/GUEST COMMENTS:

Maureen Broderick was in attendance and had concerns about the administrator's salary. She also had concerns as to the amount of time elected officials were giving to the various positions.

Supervisor Wennlund explained that the previous administrator was making approximately \$60,000 and the current administrator was considerably less, the increase would bring her more in line but was still several thousand dollars short. Since the township is no longer paying a retainer fee for an attorney the savings was passed on to the admin position without additional cost to the township.

Mrs. Broderick made mention of putting the zoom password on the agenda. The Supervisor said that it wasn't in the Governors order to do so but would like to look in to the matter. Supervisor Wennlund said that job duties for all the officials are written out in state statute.

Trustee Hilton wanted to make clear that there would be absolutely no increase in spending for the administrators increase and Supervisor Wennlund confirmed that.

V BOARD ISSUES/ACTION ITEMS:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-07 for the recognition of Michael B Hickey's service to New Lenox. Motion is made by Trustee Boban and second by Trustee Kaupas. Upon a rollcall vote Trustees Boban, Kaupas, Hilton, Deiters and Supervisor Wennlund voted in favor and having none opposed the motion carried.

Motion was made to execute the generator maintenance contract in the amount of \$1,168.00 by Trustee Boban Second by Trustee Deiters. Upon a rollcall vote Trustees Boban, Kaupas, Hilton, Deiters and Supervisor Wennlund voted in favor. Having none opposed the motion carried.

The Supervisor wanted to reiterate the compensation difference between the current and past administrator is \$14,000 and that the current administrator does everything and much more than the past admin was doing and that the current salary is lagging where it was with the previous admin for the same years of service and that not having an attorney on a retainer gives us the ability to bring up the salary without affecting the budget.

Motion was made by Trustee Boban and Second by Trustee Hilton to raise the current salary. Upon a rollcall vote Trustees Boban, Kaupas, Hilton, Deiters and Supervisor Wennlund voted in favor. Having none opposed, Motion carried.

VI REPORTS FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

The Supervisor said the policy for wearing uniforms in the office could be relaxed for individuals staying in the office. Individuals doing township business outside the office need proper uniform attire. Nobody working in the office need wear uniforms any longer.

An issue has risen about the transportation policy with regards to out of town transportation. Due to SRA busses not running, it was asked by a passenger if we could take them to Frankfort, we are unable to do that under the current policy. It was determined that the Supervisor would look into the matter with Debbie Cunningham.

The next discussion is with regards to the food pantry and the Governors order taking effect on June 11th opening up the Illinois economy. As of now the food pantry has been closed to inside shoppers. It is open for call in orders only. The Supervisor would like to open the pantry to the standard it was before and would like the input of the board. Trustee Hilton said she would like to see it open. Trustee Boban said there isn't much space inside the pantry but doesn't see why it can't be open to pre-covid standards. Trustee Kaupas explained that patrons would wait in the vestibule until others came out and then go in. The consensus of the entire board was to

open the food pantry to pre-covid standards and add hand sanitizer and mask precautions for those workers and volunteers who wish to use them.

A van that was sold last month on Ebay was never picked up and the second bidder also failed to take possession of the van. The van was relisted and sold again for \$8,400 and that buyer failed to take possession also. Once again the van has been relisted on Ebay for sale.

The senior center has been reopened for meetings.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Boban: recycle day break down. Trustee Boban made approximately 100 hours of communications to organize the event. 385 vehicles came through. Volunteers came from Lincoln Way West & Share Fest. They collected 135 tires, 90 Batteries, 350 gallons of oil, 65 gallons of antifreeze, and 3 full containers of traditional recyclables. 20,406lbs of electronics were collected. Also the second and fourth Wed electronics collection continues. Transition students are checking into next year volunteer possibilities.

Trustee Kaupas: Haven't heard if Triad will be meeting again or not.

Trustee Hilton: Transportation is on the rise. We are growing by 100 rides a month. We need to keep an eye on the staffing to make sure we can keep up.

At this time the Supervisor handed out committee assignments for the coming term.

Trustee Deiters: Asked if the fence had been repaired at Marshall Cemetery.

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

CLERK: Nothing

ROAD COMMISSIONER: The department is in full swing.

ASSESSOR: Called the Governor but he didn't answer. Many calls about the senior freeze. A bill has gone through to be signed by the Governor for the freeze but hasn't been signed yet. Field staff that goes out for the assessor wears shirts and has ID. All 2020 occupancies have been completed.

VII REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

VIII APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion to pay the bills by Trustee Kaupas and Second by Trustee Boban. Upon a rollcall vote Trustees Boban, Kaupas, Hilton, Deiters and Supervisor Wennlund voted in favor. Having none opposed, motion carried.

IX OTHER BUSINESS – NONE

X ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSSION:

Motion was made by Trustee Boban and Second by Trustee Deiters to go into Executive session. Upon a rollcall vote Trustees Boban, Kaupas, Hilton, Deiters and Supervisor Wennlund voted yes. Having none opposed, motion carried.
Went into Executive session at 8:16 PM

XI EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS

Came out of executive session at 8:23 PM

XII ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn regular session made by Trustee Deiters and second by Trustee Hilton. Upon a rollcall vote Trustees Boban, Kaupas, Hilton, Deiters and Supervisor Wennlund voted in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Medema, Clerk